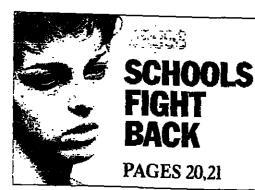
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Eurosceptic candidates – not their parties – win The Times vote

he Times today advises voters to support general election candidates who are opposed to further European integration.

In a break with recent tradition, the newspaper has decided to refrain from endorsing any of the main parties.

Instead it recommends support for the candidates - mainly Conservative and Labour, but including representatives of four other parties - who have declared their Eurosceptic credentials. A list of recommended candidates appeared in the

newspaper yesterday and will be updated on polling day.

In a leading article, The Times identifies two striking developments of the past Parliament: the transformation of Labour under Tony Blair into an electable party; and the collapse of the "body and spirit" of

the Conservative Party.
It says of Labour: "The speed of this change - the abandonment of so many anachronistic and disastrous policies in so short a period of time — has been extraordinary. The Times has strongly



supported those changes and the way in which they have been made. So great has been the speed of change that faith and imagination, rather than firm policy pronouncements, must form the source of optimism for those millions who intend to

vote Labour for the first time this week. The Times, however, will not endorse what is "still a tower of dreams".

Of the Conservatives, it says: "While Labour has been changing itself, the very momentum of its metamorphosis has

Conservatives there has been no equivalent movement to keep the party upright.

A tiny mandate from 1992, tightening tensions between Right and Left, reactive leadership and unnecessarily prolonged recession have taken a heavy toll."

ecause the divisions on Europe are within the parties rather than between them four endorsement in this election, therefore, falls not on a party slate but upon individual candi-

... For The Times the European future is the fulcrum of public policy. A proper sense of the choices now facing this country, a profound vision of how the current moves to unite Europe could all so easily bring its collapse, a clear-sighted understanding of the gulf between what our partners say, what they mean and what they really want: that is what Britain needs to be able to vote for."

Leading article, page 23

72 hours left to save UK, says Major

THE Prime Minister issued a warning last night that were there were "only 72 hours" to save the United Kingdom.

After a whirlwind tour covering England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. John Major stood outside Parliament to proclaim the "twin threat" posed by a Labour government: the break-up of the UK and a sellout to Europe.

It was a carefully stageas a stunt by Labour - which yesterday ordered more than 200 former MPs into marginal constituencies for a final campaigning blitz after Tony Blair cautioned against complacency and insisted that Britain was "not a landslide country".

But as Big Ben chimed six. Mr Major said the election was not just about who would govern Britain for the next five years: "It is predominantly a question of what that Government will do over the next live

He said of the Amsterdam summit next month: "What is at stake is whether or not this

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Reports, analysis Peter Riddell. Michael Portillo Leading article. Anatole Kaletsky

country finds itself dragged inexorably in the direction of a federal Europe." The Tories managed event and dismissed - work! "draw a line in the sand" against any further integration, he told staff from the nearby Conservative Central Office, "But if Mr Blair went to Amsterdam, there would be a Dutch auction of British interests, a surrender of our veto."

The second threat, he said. came from Labour's plans for devolution to Scotland and Wales "I have not a shred of doubt that they would lead in the short term to friction with Scotland, and in the slightly longer term, to fracture with Scotland, a break up of Scotland from the United

The message I would give to you, to the British nation, we have 72 hours to save the union, 72 hours to make sure that the nature of our government is not changed irrevocably for the worse, with power draining away from Westminster."

"There are 72 hours in which to save the Union, 72 hours to make sure that the system of Government that has prevailed in this country for a very long time is protected and enshrined, and not through a combination of thoughtlessness and ill-digested policies, and a failure to understand what these policies mean - not broken up and divided in one direction towards the EU and the other to a devolved Parliament across the United Kingdom."

At the same time, Mr Blair and John Prescott were preparing to lead Labour's final onslaught on the marginals. Mr Blair has telephoned each of the the party's regional secretaries urging a last effort to ensure the largest possible turn-out on Thursday. Staff



John Major is applauded by Tory Central Office staff as he appeared on Abingdon Green outside Parliament to call on to voters "to save Britain"

have been emptying out of the campaign headquarters in Westminster to bolster the fight on the ground. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said it marked the most intensive effort ever mounted by the party in the closing

stages of an election. $\bar{\mathfrak{lt}}$ is the first time that so many former MPs have taken time off from their own constituencies to join the fight in marginals. "We are fighting for every vote and taking nothing for granted." Mr Brown said. The party had been boosted by the recruitment of 11,000 members and by £3 million in donations from 100,000 people since the campaign began. These have funded a final advertising blitz

in tabloid newspapers and women's magazines.

If the effort bears fruit and

Mr Blair inflicts a heavy defeat on the Conservatives, Mr Major is expected to announce on Friday that he intends to step down as leader although his close allies

believe that he will stay on until to July to allow an orderly transition to the new leader and avoid an immediate "bloodbath".

One told The Times yesterday: "John will do what is

injury claims and the occa-

Thomas Fowles, a court

official, said: "These cases

normally last about two or

three days - you might get

someone making a claim over an injury that could affect

their future employment, per-

haps a traffic accident." He

sional breach of contract.

right for the party. I do not think he wants John Redwood to win. One way of helping Redwood would be to go

early."
The candidates would be certain to include Michael Portillo, who today makes one of the most savage Cabinet attacks on Mr Blair since the campaign began and says that people who think the Conservatives need a spell in opposition are simply wrong. Writing in The Times, the Defence Secretary accuses the Labour leader of "looking into the television cameras and lying to the British people about the Government's pen-

sion reforms. "Tony Blair's highest aspiration is just to echo what is popular. He is a follower not a leader. That is why he tries to be all things to all men."

Britain ready for Zaire evacuation

Britain prepared for an evacuation of its nationals from Zaire by sending 200 soldiers with three Hercules C130 transport aircraft to central

The Ministry of Defence said the troops would be based in Libreville, the capital of Gabon, to be ready to deploy to Zaire. Refugees found, page 18

Tighter security for the Maze

Stricter security measures are to be imposed inside the Maze prison after a government inquiry into an IRA attempt to tunnel out of the jail found that the paramilitaries controlled the H-blocks.

Full searches of the Hblocks are to be made more

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'Strictly off-record' Currie submits a £2,000 bill to paper

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

£2,000 bill for journalistic services to the newspaper which published her predictions of a Labour landslide. Tory strategists were ap-

palled by Mrs Currie's decision to fax an invoice to Richard Addis, the Editor of The Express, only 24 hours after she claimed that her comments in the Sunday edition were off the record.

They had spent the last 48 hours assuring journalists that Mrs Currie had been "stitched-up" by the newspaper whose chief executive is Lord Hollick, a Labour peer and close ally of Tony Blair. The remarks appeared in a

signed article. The ensuing controversy. which was generated by her blunt criticism of John Major and the Tory campaign, overshadowed the latest Tory, attempt to launch a fightback. The Prime Minister was reported to be furious.

But her attempt to seek payment might not succeed. Mrs Currie never put pen to paper. The offending article was based on a 25-minute telephone conversation with a member of the newspaper's

political staff. Mrs Currie, one of the most outspoken pro-European members of the Tory party. warmed to her theme during the conversation about the

EDWINA CURRIE has sent a failings of the election

campaign. Not only did the former Health Minister predict that her own South Derbsyhire seat was a lost cause, she also forecast a Labour majority of more than 100 and said that Mr Major looked weak

against Tony Blair. Mrs Currie, who for the second day in succession was uncharacteristically unavailable for comment, was virtually disowned by the party high command.

Her own supporters, who are fighting an uphill battle to retain her seat which is number 20 on the Labour target list, were also enraged. One senior Tory campaign-

er said last night: "Well this gives the lie to the fact her comments were off the record. If she gets the £2.0000 I hope she donates it to the redundancy fund of any Tories who lose her seat thanks to her unhelpful comments."

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, speaking in Blackpool yesierday, said: 'I have been trying to defend Edwina on several occasions over the years. I must say I find it difficult on this occasion."

Mr Clarke added: "I have heard her explanation that she was speaking off the record. I would prefer that she did not speak like that on or off the

Cabbies ride to rescue of colleague

By Adrian Lee

A MINICAB driver's call for help was answered by almost 100 colleagues who formed a cordon in their cars to trap his alleged attackers. The cabbies sprang into action when they heard John Davis broadcast a coded message for assistance in Hull.

Scores of cars responded. some carrying passengers, and boxed off the city's North Hull estate, until a police helicopter arrived to search the area. Mr Davis. 32, was allegedly threatened with a machete to the throat and a flick knife, but managed to grab his radio.

'It was like the cavalry arriving — it was a great relief." Mr Davis said. "The passengers all joined in the search. There were lasses in their nightelub gear running round helping."

Bill Allen, of his company Al Cars, said taxi companies in the city set up the coded call system seven years ago. hut the response was unprecedented. Two men were arrested after a heat-seeking device on the helicopter discovered them hiding in a garden. The men. aged 19 and 28, were charged with attempted robbery yester-day and remanded in

Cherie Booth to sit as judge two weeks after the election

By Frances Gibb, Legal correspondent

CHERIE BOOTH will sit as a judge within two weeks of becoming the Prime Minister's wife if Labour wins the election on Thursday.

In addition, in a clear sign that she intends to continue her career at the Bar. Ms Booth, who is a QC, will next week appear for a local authority in the Court of Appeal in a test case over employees' conditions.

Ms Booth, an assistant recorder, is booked to sit for two weeks from May 19 in the City of London and Mayor's Guildhall County Court. She will take the list normally handled by Judge Byrt, QC, which mainly covers personal



added that the court was not usually attended by the public. An assistant recordership is the first rung on the judicial ladder. Ms Booth must sit for at least 20 weeks a year to fulfil her duties. But Leslie Page, her clerk, confirmed vesterday that, before taking up her judicial appointment, she will

be in the Court of Appeal. She is acting for St Helen's Metropolitan Borough Council in a case keenly watched by employment lawyers. The case is being brought by employees in a special school who underwent changes in their conditions of employment when it was taken over from the local county council by the local

Some lawyers question that Ms Booth will be able to sustain her practice at the Bar if she moves to Downing Street. They say she will present problems of security. but Heather Hallett, vicechairman of the Bar, has strongly defended her. "If anyone can manage it, she can, she said.

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Water company sows seeds of drought gardening

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

year suggested its customers and wallflowers. Others inshould pave over their gardens yesterday launched a cash discount scheme for people buying drought-resis-

Severn Trent, which serves the Midlands, said anyone buying the plants at participating garden centres and nurseries would receive a 10 per cent discount. The offer also covers watering cans - to encourage less reliance on hosepines - water retaining granules for pot plants. composters and water butts.

Plants deemed to be drought tolerant include alyssum, sal-

A WATER company that last via, sedum, thyme, lavender clude ice plant, catmint, aubretia, New Zealand flax, yucca, spanish broom, lamb's ear and rock rose.

Jo Foster, the company's head of customer relations. said yesterday: "Efficient use of water must become second nature for everyone if we want to make hosepipe bans a thing of the past. There are many simple steps we can all take. including having plants which need less watering and less looking after, to help us make the most of every drop.

The company, which is paying for leaflets and informaPOLLEN INFORMATION LINE OPENS

Two low-pollen gardens were opened yesterday by the National Asthma Campaign. The paved gardens, in Enfield, north London, and Truro, Cornwall, have been planted with insect-pollinated plants such as geraniums, iris and clematis, and show that it is possible to create a place where hay fever sufferers can be comfortable. The gardens were opened as the charity's pollen information line (0171 971 0444) went into service. This is the first year the charity has operated the service, which has in the past been provided by commercial concerns.

tion packs linked with the promotion, said the suggested plants combined bright col-ours, strong scents and varied foliage with drought-busting

properties.
The scheme is being backed up at 50 garden centres with

practical demonstrations on water conservation in gardens. David Sugden, manager at Bayley's Garden Centre in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, said yesterday that they were drawing up a list of IZ plants

and 12 items such as watering

Army doctor

'gave wrong

advice on

Down's test'

BY EMMA WILKINS

that her child would be born

handicapped because she was

aged 35 at the time. She agreed

not to have an amniocentesis

test when Major Lawrence Roberts of the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot.

told her that the risks of

handicap were the same as

when she was aged 25 and that

the procedure carried a 1 per

cent chance of miscarriage,

Mrs Hurley, who is di-

vorced with two other children

aged 22 and 10, is claiming

damages for medical negligence against the Ministry of

Defence. While she adores her

son Matthew, 7, the burden of caring for him is immense.

Richard Davies, QC, told the court. Love and devotion

cannot obscure the enormous

burden to her of his profound

Mrs Hurley, a civilian,

asked Major Roberts — then a

trainee in obstetrics and gy-

naecology - about an amnio-

centesis test which detects

Down's syndrome at 16 weeks

of pregnancy at her first

"Having pressed her prefer-

ence by saying she would

disability," Mr Davies said.

discount scheme. A spokesman for Severn

Trent, which serves over seven million customers, pointed out that the discount scheme was only part of its water conservation strategy. He said the company's leakage rate from its mains network was being cut back dramatically. It was spending £400 million a year over the next five years on general improvements and had spent £200 million in the past 18 months on antidrought meaures.

It was also opening up new resources, including boreholes to tap underground reserves in places such as Birmingham, where a decline in heavy water table.

□ Water meters can dramatically cut consumption in better-off households and do not threaten the health of families in poorer households. according to a survey by Mid Kent Water. It found that people in high

rateable value properties, which tend to be homes with large, thirsty gardens and two cars, on average use 26 per cent less water once they are on meters. People living in low rateable value properties first cut back on water use by up to 15 per cent, but eventually increased consumption as they became comfortable with



Sandra Hurley leaving the High Court yesterday

that the doctor was the expert," Mr Davies said.

would be called to establish that there is a three times

While Major Roberts can-

tails of the conversation he explained that it was not general hospital policy to con-

sider amniocentesis for woman aged 35, the court was told. It is considered at the hospital for those aged 37 to 39 pregnant women aged 40 and

Grandmother of Ecstasy girl questions transplant decision

Margaret Pirie. 56, told a fatal accident inquiry into the death of her grand-daughter. Michelle Paul, that she had become angry when doctors had told her that Michelle could not get one.

She said Dr Naill Finlayson had told her the decison had

grounds" by Hilary Sanfev.

Michelle died 23 days after taking Ecstacy at a rave in Aberdeen in November 1995. Her death came a week after that of Leah Betts. The inquiry

BSE scientists to test Norwegian dog brain

Government veterinary scientists are to examine brain tissue from a Norwegian golden retriever in what may be the first proven case of "mad cow" disease in a dog. Ministry of Agriculture officials confirmed yesterday that samples of brain material from the II-year-old animal, which died this month, had been received from Norway and had been sent to the Institute of Animal Health in Edinburgh for analysis.

Vets in Oslo suspect BSE-type changes. The Kennel Club and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals yesterday criticised the Government for failing to publish research carried out six years ago which suggested; that dogs might be able to contract "mad cow" disease.

Haughey case adjourns:

The Dublin tribunal investigating payments to politicians adjourned yesterday without Charles Haughey, the former Irish Prime Minister, answering allegations that he received £1.3 million from a supermarket tycoon. Ben Dunne, the former head of Dunnes Stores chain of supermarkets, said he paid Mr Haughey £1.3 million through banks in London, the Isle of Man and the Cayman Islands. Mr Haughey has not answered any of the allegations made by Mr Dunne.

BA awaits Paris ruling

British Airways will learn today whether its court effort to prevent Air Algerie operating from Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris has been successful. BA yesterday argued at a court in Versailles that its passengers were being put at risk because of a lack of security around the Algerian state airline check-in desks. When Air Algérie moved into neighbouring desks at the weekend. BA moved its check-in to the roof of the terminal, then to a hotel.

Wren strangled

A Royal Navy Wren was found strangled yesterday in a flat at Stonehouse. Plymouth, a few hundred yards from her base at HMS Drake. Leading Wren Tammy Williams, 23, originally from Leicestershire, was a photographer for operational work and public relations. It is thought that Miss Williams, who had worked at the Devonport base since January, lived outside the base. Police arrested a man aged 30, who was being questioned by detectives last night.

Judges make Net gain

Court of Appeal judges have used the Internet to issue a ruling in an attempt to overcome difficulties arising from more than 100 appeals from people who say their cases have been wrongly struck off court lists for not meeting strict timetables. The judges criticised having to post copies of their 75-page judgment to all 500 judges in England and Wales because the Government has not set up a computer system by which judgments could be issued electronically.

Soul singer fined

rison, right, was fined £750 after admitting threatening behaviour against a group of people he claimed had kicked his car in Leicester city centre. The magistrates' chairman, Harold Clark. responsibility to behave in a proper manner." The court was told that Morrison, 24, had a living allowance of £1,200 a month from his record company.



BBC apologises for libel

The multimillionaire Barclay brothers accepted a public apology from the broadcaster John Sweeney and the BBC over a suggestion that their concern for privacy was explained by an alleged involvement in a 1970s corruption scandal. David and Frederick Barclay, who live on Brecqhou in the Channel Islands, had sued for libel over a radio report. They were content with the apology and a BBC donation to the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.

Tortoise returns home

An elderly widow praised police yesterday after they reunited her with a tortoise that has been her companion for 20 years. Alice Ward, 83, found the tortoise, called Humphrey, was missing after a street vendor called at her home in Oundle, Northamptonshire, last Thursday. Three days later a police officer in Nottingham, 90 miles away,

IRA tunnel blamed on lax security at Maze prison

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

TOUGHER security meaficer as he was escorting them sures are to be imposed at the Maze prison after a govern-ment inquiry into an IRA attempt to tunnel out of the iail found that the paramilitaries controlled the H-blocks.

At Maghaberry jail yesterday, two prisoners armed with a pistol and an improvised handgun held an officer hostage. The discovery that a 9 mm millimetre Walther pistol and an improvised "zip gun" plus ammunition had been smuggled into the top-security jail in County Antrim is a further blow to morale within the Northern Ireland

Last night the RUC began an investigation into the fourhour incident at Foyle House within Maghaberry prison. Two prisoners seized the offrom the health centre. The inmates, one serving life for murder and the other 25 years for attempted murder, produced the weapons threatened the officer. They made no clear demands

but the incident was believed to be linked to the Irish National Liberation Army. Finlay Spratt, chairman of the Prison Officers' Association in the Province, claimed that the men fired one of the

weapons at staff five times but on each occasion it failed. The two men eventually gave themselves up. The of-

cer was released unharmed. Within hours, far-reaching measures to tighten security in the H-blocks at the Maze jail

were published in a statement. The absence of proper security

Plans put forward for 12 new jails

By Richard Ford and Stephen Farrell

THE Government plans 12 women's jail holding 50 inrising number of offenders.

quietly submitted plans to build a 600-inmate jail to hold medium-risk offenders at Onley in Northamptonshire and is planning to build a similar-sized jail at Pucklechurch in south Gloucestershire. It has also earmarked land next to the top-security Belmarsh prison in Woolwich, southeast London, for a third 600-offender iail, and is still searching for a suitable

site near Telford, Shropshire. A further eight jails are planned at sites in England as part of a building programme to house 7,200 inmates. The 12 new jails are in addition to six 800-inmate jails planned or under construction at Bridgend, South Wales. Fazakerley on Merseyside, Agecroft in Salford, Winson Green in Birmingham, near the Lakeside shopping centre in Thurrock, Essex, and at Lowdham Grange in Nottinghamshire.

The Prison Service has submitted plans to demolish a

new jails to cope with the mates at Pucklechurch and build a new jail for 400 Gloucestershire planning

proposals on May 15. poses to let the private sector design, construct, finance and manage the new jails. However, it is unclear what would happen if Labour wins power. Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, is opposed

to private prisons. The site for the new jail at Onley is adjacent to an existing young offender institution housing 520 inmates. Paul Green, head of planning with Daventry council. said it would go before the planning committee on May 28 or July 2 but approval was by no

upon. The Home Office will some convincing reasons to this is acceptable." he said.

site. Councillors on south

The service currently pro-

means certain "Normally development in open countryside is frowned have to come forward with

A WOMAN gave birth to a Down's syndrome baby after a military doctor wrongly advised her against a diag-nostic test, the High Court in and staff from the wings had allowed the IRA to dig a London was told yesterday. Sandra Hurley, 42, from tunnel for 30 metres from a cell in A wing of H-block 7. Aldershot, Hampshire, feared

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary. admitted that through intimidation, paramilitary prisoners had, over a number of years, in effect gained control within the wings to which they were confined". He added: "Recently, searches have been carried

out only infrequently."
The IRA had broken through a concrete floor, dug through a metre of hardcore and infill and then tunnelled at a depth of two metres. They had used tool and materials improvised from cell furniture and handicraft materials.

Spoil was deposited in two cells at the end of the wing. Prisoners were able to achieve all of this because of the effective absence of staff from the wings, and the steps which prisoners had taken to obscure the line of sight down the wings," Sir Patrick said.

The report into the discovery last month of the escape attempt calls for twice-daily lock-ups of prisoners with head-counts; random cell checks, including the examination of the fabric of the cell;

ence on all wings. Full searches of the Hblocks are to be held frequently and unpredictably and strict controls to be imposed on prisoners' movements. Any prisoner moving between an

H-block is to be searched. Supplies issued to wings should be strictly checked, the report says, and cell furniture to be made of soft materials to prevent terrorists adapting furniture for illicit purposes. The report also recommends the improvement of closedcircuit television. ☐ Loyalist paramilitaries are being blamed for a 100lb

Fein offices in Belfast. The device, containing home-made explosives, was found in an abandoned car on the Falls Road. The alert was raised at 7am yesterday when a local radio station received a telephone warning. Army bomb disposal experts carried out two controlled explosions.

DEFENCE SYSTEMS

bomb found outside the Sinn

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE grandmother of a 15year-old Ecstasy user who died after she was refused a liver transplant questioned the decision to give an alcoholic footballer two liver transplants on the National Health

would not receive the £60,000

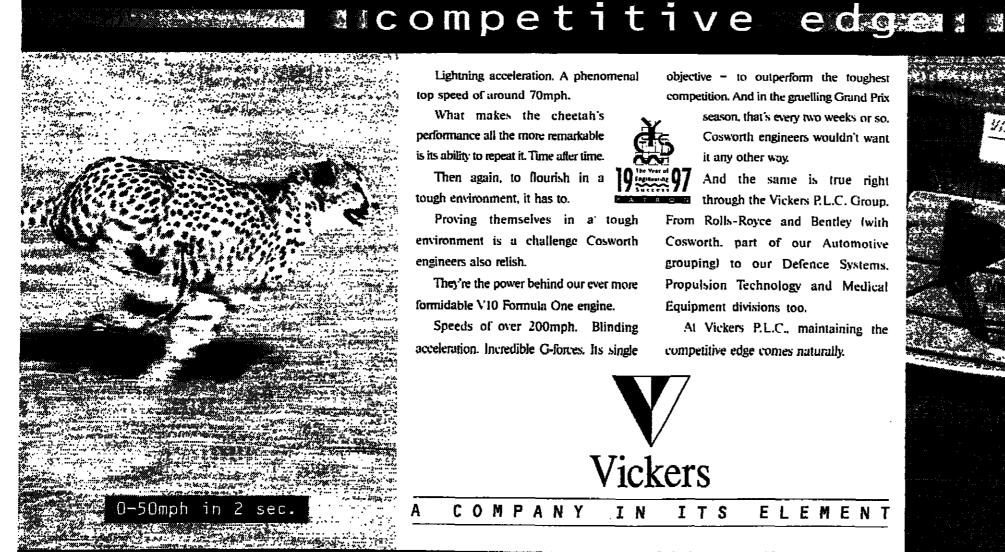
operation. Without the opera-tion the schoolgirl would die, her family had been told.

Mrs Pirie, a former auxillary nurse, told the court in Aberdeen that she had questioned one of the members of the medical team at the liver transplant unit in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary about the decision to give Jim Baxter, a former Rangers and Scotland foorballer and selfconfessed alcoholic, two liver transplants when Michelle

who was a surgeon and the senior member of the team. The inquiry has previously heard that Michelle had admitted taking drugs and her mother Carolann Paul, 37, had been a drug addict. Her stepfather, John Paul, was in prison for drug-related ofences at the time of her death.



recognised Humphrey after he had been found in a bag.



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Singer accuses Boy George of being obsessive liar



Boy George: said the

THE singer Boy George was accused in the High Court yesterday of being an obsessive and vindictive liar by the man he had earlier described as the love of his life.

Kirk Brandon told the 35year-old pop star that he was a professional har who had tried to destroy him by claiming that their friendship in the 1980s had been a sexual

He accused the former lead singer of Culture Club of being obsessed with trying to "out" him as a homosexual even though he was happily married with a daughter. Mr

wich, London, is suing Boy George for malicious falsehood in a 1995 autobiography in which George wrote: "Sleeping with Kirk wasn't sex, it was absolute love." He is also suing Boy George over a song, called Unfinished

Business, on his last album. Mr Brandon, 40, has admitted sharing a bed with Boy George after going to late-night clubs in the early 1980s but denies that homosexual activity took place.

Mr Brandon, who is representing himself, said: "I put it to you that you were obsessed, have been obsessed and probably still are obsessed with

about stopping, leaving me alone?" Boy George replied: "I wouldn't describe myself as obsessed with you. I said in my book that you were very talented and I loved you. Where is the damage in that?"

Mr Brandon, who enjoyed

chart success with the bands Theatre of Hate and Spear of Destiny, questioned him abut Unfinished Business. "Did you enjoy writing such a vindictive and malicious song?" Boy George replied: "You were in a band called Theatre of Hate, Kirk. You weren't called the Blushing Flowers. What does that say?"

Earlier, giving evidence,

Boy George told Mr Justice Douglas Brown that Mr Brandon had become the "great love of my life" after they met in a pub in 1980. "I didn't know who he was but I thought he was really handsome, very charming and funny, one of those people you meet and instantly become friends with. I was sexually attracted from the moment I saw him and I knew Kirk was

attracted to me instantly." After a few weeks Mr Brandon asked to stay at his squat, Boy George said. On the first night they kept their T-shirts and underwear on but hugged and kissed, he said, but after that their relationship grew

into a sexual one and they had for several years. Boy George spent more than 100 nights said he had described Mr

He said: "Kirk was the great love of my life at that time. We were inseparable. We held hands in public. At the time I was walking around in high-heeled shoes and very outrageous clothes. I was very well known in London."

Their friendship ended after a night out when Boy George was dressed as Boadicea. "Kirk said he needed space away from me. We had a violent argument. He left and I smashed up my room." They resumed their relationship for a short time, he said, but then did not see each other

Brandon as his boyfriend in several articles and had not received complaints. He said he had written asking Mr Brandon if he wanted to make comments about his autobiography but had received no

He told his counsel, Patrick Maloney, that he wrote Unfinished Business when he learnt that Mr Brandon had married. "I was expressing my true feelings about Kirk. He has denied our relationship for 20 years. If there was no relationship, then why are we in court 20 years later fighting about it?" The case continues.



Brandon: denies that



Four Quantock staghounds wait to be let loose at the season's last formal meet yesterday. The hunt will now not be able to use National Trust land in the Quantock Hills

National Trust ban may spell staghounds' death

By Michael Hornsby COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

THE Quantock Staghounds may have to put down 60 hounds because of the National Trust's decision to ban stag-hunting on its land from the end of this month.

The hunt, which killed one deer yesterday in what may well have been the last formal meet in its 90year history, will no longer be licensed to use 900 acres of trustowned country in the Quantock with insufficient land to hunt regu- has up to 100 riders and 700 been banned from is in five separate being shot out of existence than continue on non-trust land

larly. Roly Ford, the hunt chairman, said: "We have got 60 hounds between two and seven years old and we fear we may end up having to put them down, but we will be fighting to avoid this if at all possible.

"Staghounds are trained to follow deer's scent and it is highly unlikely they could be retrained to hunt foxes. Nor would they make good pets, as they are pack animals which have lived in kennels all their lives. If they have to be put down, it would probably be with a pistol."

followers, met yesterday on the lawns of Bagborough House, near Taunton, where presentations were made to loyal hunt servants. The deer-hunting season ends at the end of April and resumes in August.

Mr Ford said the hunt committee had not yet decided whether the Quantock Staghounds would give up hunting completely. "We may still be able to hunt occasionally - if the Devon and Somerset Staghounds invite us to use their territory - but certainly not twice a week, as

blocks, fragmenting our hunting territory and making it unuseable." Bill Fewings, the master of the Quantock, who has hunted for 50

years, said he saw little hope of the hunt being saved. The hunt says that there will now be indiscriminate shooting of red deer by landowners. who had previously relied on the hunt to control deer numbers.

But John Hicks, of International Animal Rescue, said: "It has been one of the greatest days of my life. The deer have gone through terrible undergoing the horrendous suffer-ing if hunting continued."

The trust decided on the ban in response to a two-year inquiry by Professor Patrick Bateson, an animal behaviour expert at Cambridge University. He found that hunted deer suffered even greater stress than severely injured animals.

The ban also covers 12,000 acres used by the Devon and Somerset Staghounds and some 400 acres used by the Tiverton Staghounds. The New Forest Buckhounds will

Girlfriend hit Bondi 'killer' with handbag

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

THE girlfriend of Brian Hagland, the London postman beaten to death near Bondi Beach last year, tried to save him by hitting his attacker with her handbag, a Sydney court was told yesterday.

Twice Connie Casey struck Aaron Martin over the head, but he simply looked up and continued the assault, the court was told. The attack was recounted during the prosecution's opening statement at committal proceedings against Mr Martin, 23, who is accused of murder, and Sean Cushman, who is charged with being an accessory.

Chris Maxwell, for the prosecution, said that Mr Hagland, 28, had been walking home with Miss Casey, 25, in the early hours of September 7 when Mr Martin set upon him. He said the accused was drunk and in a mood of explosive physical aggression. "He was looking for someone to take it out

upon." Mr Maxwell said. Mr Martin, waving his clenched fists at Mr Hagland, shouted: "Come on then!" Mr Hagland replied that he did not want trouble.

As Mr Martin started to hit him they fell onto the road, wrestling. At one stage Mr Martin had his hands around Mr Hagland's throat and the court was told. While Miss Casey tried to separate them by hitting Mr Martin with her handbag, he continued to punch Mr Hagland.

The exact circumstances of what happened next were still unclear, Mr Maxwell said, but at some stage Mr Hagland was hit by a passing bus as it turned a corner. The prosecution said that, in the struggle, Mr Hagland may have walked or fallen into the side of the bus; he may have been savagely beaten and fallen into the path of the bus unconscious: or he may have been pushed into the bus.

A post-mortem examination found that Mr Hagland, who was on a working holiday, had suffered multiple injuries. He also sustained numerous fractures consistent with the impact of the bus or having

being jumped upon.

The Crown says he Martin] caused the death of Mr Hagland and that at all times had the intent to inflict grevious bodily harm or to kill him," Mr Maxwell said. "It doesn't matter how much or how little the bus was involved, there was a causal link between the defendant's action and the death of the deceased.

The court was also told that Mr Cushman had allegedly told friends that Mr Martin had pushed Mr Hagland into The trial continues.

Boy, 14, left scarred by his father's beatings

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BOY was scarred for life after being repeatedly whipped, punched, kicked and throttled by his father, a college lecturer. The 14-year-old boy told Southwark Crown Court he would be forced to lay naked on his bed as his father beat him with a rubber shower hose.

The boy was giving evidence at the trial of his father, who denies three charges of unlawful wounding and one of cruelty between September 1994, and last August. During one severe beating last August "I was begging him to stop", the boy, from Brixton, south London, said. "But he told me I should not scream. He then shut and locked the window so the neighbours could not hear

After this incident, the boy was told to get out of the flat and ran away. When the police found him he told them of the alleged cruelty.

When his father, 42, learnt what he had done, he spoke of handing out "the beating of my life", which left him so scared he felt he could never live with his father again, the boy said. A teacher to whom he had described his ordeals contacted social services and he was taken into care.

The father told police that he had tried to "chastise" his son. The trial continues.

Abuse victims see couple's downfall after 20 years

a week for several months. The children spent much of

their time sitting in a cold,

spartan dining room, where

they had poor, inadequate

food. The wife, described as

the dominant personality, sent

children to buy good food but

that was for the couple and

their own two children. One

Children were not allowed out of their secured bedrooms

at night, even to go to the

lavatory. Potties were left in

the rooms, even for teenagers.

Jailing the couple, from

Walton, Liverpool, Judge Eliz-

abeth Steel said the offences

had been systematic and creat-

ed an "atmosphere of fear". The children were "among the

most vulnerable members of

society - they were in care

because of troubled family backgrounds, needing stability, care, understanding and a

happy loving atmosphere".

Judge Steel, who recom-

mended the two investigating

detectives for a formal com-

mendation, said that the child-

ren had instead suffered

nightmares, guilt, anger, dis-

tress and mental health

After the hearing one victim.

Paul Taylor, 41, from Oldham.

said he was delighted with the

sentences: "It's more than I

expected but it's no more than

hungry girl ate toothpaste.

AN ELDERLY couple who abused frightened youngsters at a children's home 20 years ago were sent to prison yesterday. Many of the victims wept while describing the ordeals of their childhood in court.

Joyce Beesley, 70, was jailed for five years at Liverpool Crown Court, convicted of cruelty to 13 children. Her husband, Kenneth, 73, found guilty of ill treating one child and indecently assaulting four

girls, was given 2½ years.

The offences spanned 13 years, ending in 1978. Beesley had been employed by the city council as house-mother at the six-bedroomed home in Fazakerley. Her husband, lived there de facto as the house

Punishments for minor misdemeanours such as look-ing out of the window included being made to cut the grass with scissors, and having to stand naked for hours with their hands on their heads while others were encouraged

to ridicule them. One boy was left sitting in a chair in the garden all day until sunburnt and blistered. Bed-wetting was punished by being tied or pinned into a pillowcase and left on the floor or bed. The indecent assaults involved three girls, aged between il and 14. One of them was abused two or three times

husband in argument over lettuce

BY RICHARD DUCE

A MOTHER stabbed her husband through the heart after he complained about the quality of the lettuce in a salad for their evening meal. They had been married for 29 years.

Brenda Richardson, 54, a the lettuce leaves.

Howard Bentham, QC, for the prosecution, said there were no known problems in the marriage. The couple from Nelson, Lancashire, had two grown-up sons. In telephone calls to friends an hour before

She had called the emergency services and tried to stem the bleeding with a rug. Her plea of not guilty to murder

Wife killed

Sunday school teacher, was jailed for two years for manslaughter yesterday, after Manchester Crown Court was told that she had no recollection of events that led to the fatal dispute other than her husband, Brian, 56, criticising

been jovial and light-hearted".

Richard Henriques, QC, for the defence, said: "There must have been a great deal of cumulative tension in the relationship. There was a major disagreement, out of the blue, over the food that night, but all she is sure of is that she did not take up the knife intending to use it. She misses him dreadfully."

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Intruder claims he had free Palace tour

BY ALAN HAMILTON

POLICE were last night questioning a man who claimed to have breached security at Buckingham Palace and made an unauthorised tour of the private

Neither palace officials nor police were certain whether to believe the man's claims that he had spent several hours roaming the heavily guarded grounds of the Queen's official London residence. He was arrested early yesterday morning after reportedly hailing a taxt to Camden Lock in north London and telling the driver what he had done. The driver con-

tacted the police. With the general election three days

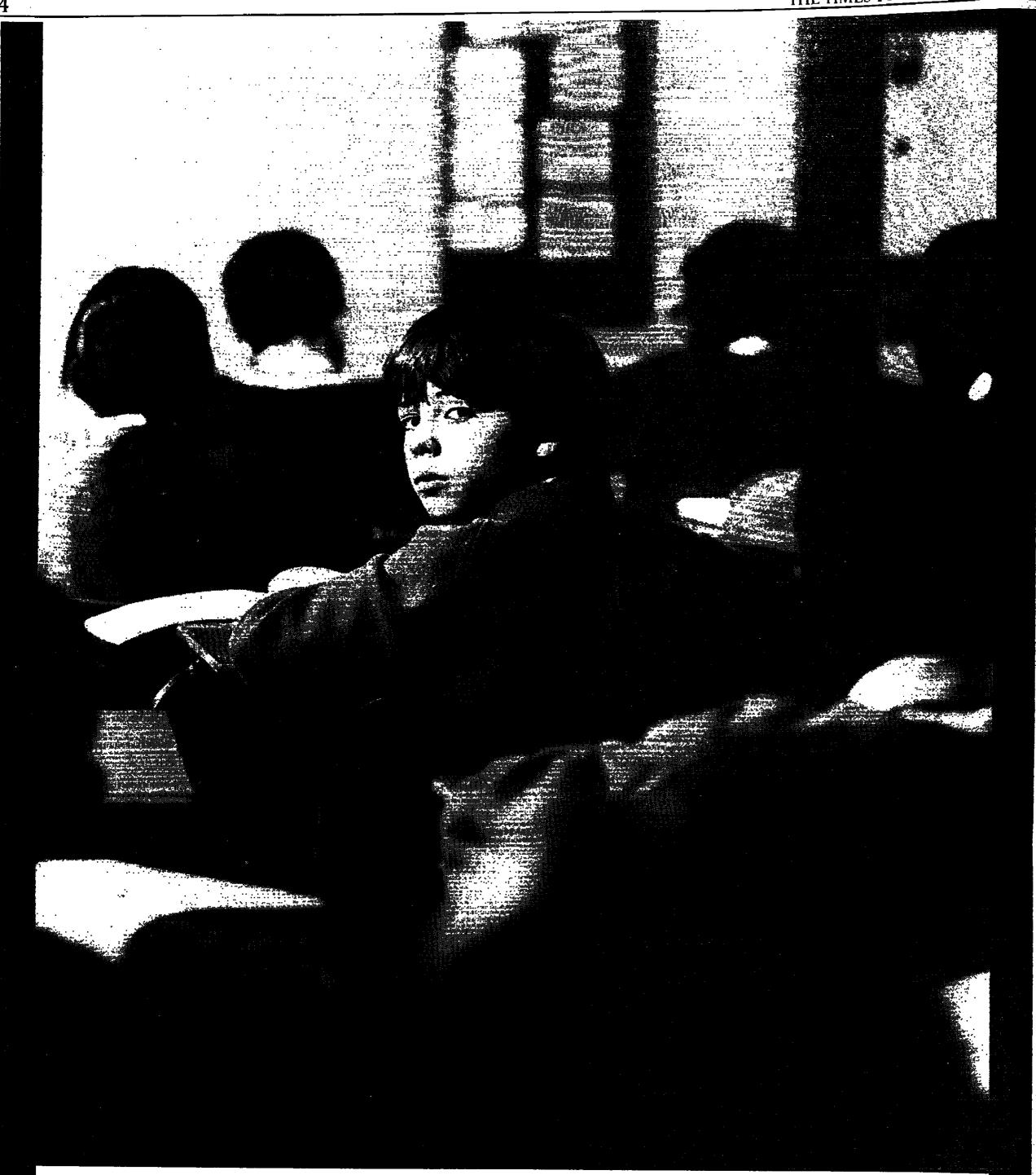
away and a spate of IRA bomb threats on popularity. In 1993 a group of lesbian their mind, police took the matter seriously, especially as the man was allegedly allowed in to the Palace on legitimate business and shown out by police officers at the the main gate who bade him a polite "Good morning". Neither the Queen nor the Duke of Edinburgh was in residence.

If the man's claims are true, he joins a long line of palace intruders, led by Michael Fagan, who found his way into the Queen's bedroom in 1982, spoke to her while she frantically and fruitlessly tried to summon help, and provoked a major review of Palace security.

Since then Palace-busting, often by the deranged or obsessed, has grown in

anti-nuclear demonstrators scaled the walls and barbed wire with ladders, and sat on the palace lawn singing and chanting before armed police rounded them up. The following year, a naked American paraglider braved chilly February weather to land on the roof. In 1995 a Wakefield man was given two years' probation after driving 200 miles from his Yorkshire home to ram the Palace gates, causing significant damage. But one intruder remains undetected.

Early last year an urban fox slunk past police, guardsmen and security cameras to enter the gardens, where it killed the Queen's nine flamingoes. The beast has never been apprehended.



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Confusion over tuning hits Channel 5 figures

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent

CHANNEL 5 is reaching less than half the country, despite promises at its launch four weeks ago that at least 60 per cent of the population would be able to watch it. ple's television sets to receive

The new station's own research shows that only half the people who should be able to receive Channel 5 have tuned their television sets to its frequencies. Where people have tuned in, many are still faced with pictures and sound of such poor quality that they would rather not watch

David Elstein, chief executive of Channel 5, conceded that the station's average share of weekly viewing, at 2.8 per cent, was lower than the 3 per cent it had expected by now. It is aiming to reach 5 per cent by the end of the year. "We have conducted extensive surveys and, on the evidence we have got so far, about 50 per cent of the population seems to have tuned into us it's 5 per cent lower than we thought we would be."

He added that many viewers appeared to have confused fore the station was launched. video and satellite equipment had to be retuned in about ten million homes that might have suffered signal interference. Retuners routinely tuned peo-

Many people who had not received a retuning visit, because interference was not a problem in their area, may not realised that they still needed to tune their sets to Channel 5 if they want to watch it.

Mr Elstein said: "It is 15 years since the last terrestrial channel was launched in the United Kingdom and many people buy preset televisions. so it is not surprising that they

don't know how to tune in their sets."

Channel 5 will be launching a big marketing campaign to inform people of the need to tune their sets. Advertisements for big programmes. such as its exclusive live coverage of England's football match against Poland on May 31, will carry a reminder that people will need to tune in.

It is still unknown exactly how many homes will suffer poor reception. The Confederation of Aerial Industries has estimated that up to three million homes may need new aerials, costing from f40 to £150 each, in order to receive Channel 5 clearly. Mr Elstein

FILMS LEAD THE RATINGS

The Broadcast Audience Research Board says that eight out of Channel 5's top ten performing programmes for the week ending on April 13 were feature films. Only four films, Highlander. Punchline, Trapped and Deceived and This Boy's Life, attracted more than one million viewers. The most successful screening has been Mrs Doubtfire, with 2.85 million viewers, on Sunday, April 6. Advertisers are concerned about the relatively weak performance of the rest of the channel's programming, particularly its soap opera. Family Affairs, which has audiences hovering around the 500,000-600,000 mark.

denied reports that the station was considering subsidising the costs of new booster aerials.

He added that at least 2.3 million people would benefit from clearer pictures when Channel 5 switched on nine new transmitters across the country in July.

Bill Barker, broadcast director of the media agency J. Walter Thompson, said that advertisers were disappointed with the station's performance and were auxious about poor reception putting people off watching. "The one good thing to come from all this is that it is pushing Channel 5 to invest more in programming, such as films and sports, than it had originally planned in order to persuade people it is orthwhile tuning in

present, Channel 5's top performing programmes were films, which were getting au-diences of one million to 2.8 million. "The big challenge for Channel 5 will be for them to increase their audiences for things such as the soap and

the news," he said.

Mr Barker added that, at

Rare rhinos arrive for breeding programme

By NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

TWO wild Asian rhinos from Nepal are due in Britain today for an international captive breeding programme at Whipsnade Wild Animal Park in Bedfordshire

The two females, aged 14 to 16 months old, are from the Royal Chitwan National Park, where government wildlife staff, in collaboration with conservation groups in-cluding the World Wide Fund for Nature, have managed to boost the population of Asian, or one-horned, rhinos from 40 in 1975 to almost 500.

Simon Tonge, senior curator at London Zoo, said: Basle Zoo has been very successful at breeding onehorned rhinos over the past 30 to 40 years, but there are now a lot of the 150 animals in captivity related to the so-called Basle line. We need some wild animals to improve the genetic variation."

The only other place in which the animals are found are the swampy grasslands of



India, mainly in the Kaziranga National Park in Assam. Worldwide there are fewer than 2,000 Asian rhinos. The main threat is from poachers, keen to kill them for their horns, which are used as aphrodisiaes in the Far East. In the Yemen, the horns are carved for daggers.

Whipsnade, which, with London Zoo, is owned by the Zoological Society of London, has a female and a male onehorned rhino. Another, their

son, is at Chester Zoo. Richard Burge, director general of the Zoological Society, said: "These animals will remain the property of the

Kingdom of Nepal and their loan is a magnificent statement of confidence and trust from the people of Nepal to the society. These precious and unique animals will enable the UK to contribute significantly to the conservation of a rare species and its

City rustlers keep lambs on allotment

BY PAUL WILKINSON

POLICE have returned a twoweek-old lamb found wandering the streets of Sunderland to the North Yorkshire farm 50 miles away from which it had been taken.

Lambs are being stolen by urban rustlers from their unfenced pastures and reared in the unlikely setting of council allotments. After six months they are slaughtered, either for the rustler's freezer or for sale from a car boot.

With prime lambs fetching up to £80 each, rustling can be lucrative. Two years ago farmers in upland North Yorkshire lost-3,000 lambs in one season. They have lost 23 in the past month. Owners have now set



Alan Bainbridge with

up Operation Sheepwatch. Brian Cook, one of its organisers, said: "Urban rustlers are a problem and I would urge anyone in a town who suddenly notices a lamb in the yard or allotment next door to contact us or the police. If the lamb has been bought genuinely as a pet at an auction mart, the owner will

have a receipt. "We take it in turns driving around the area, looking out for anything suspicious, and we have contact numbers if there are any reports of prowlers." The lambs have numbers and ear tags identifying the

farm they come from.

Alan Bainbridge, of Middleham, from whose farm the lamb found in Sunderland was stolen, said: "The people who take these lambs are idiots. They will waste away without a mother and proper feed. It's hard enough to rear them on a farm, let alone in someone's back yard."

Tony Lidgare, spokesman for North Yorkshire Police, said: "Operation Sheepwatch has proved very successful. although rustling is still a problem, with £100,000 worth of sheep being stolen in the county each year. Large-scale rustlers will turn up with a truck and two dogs, but the mere presence of farmers and police patrolling the moors is often enough to put them off."

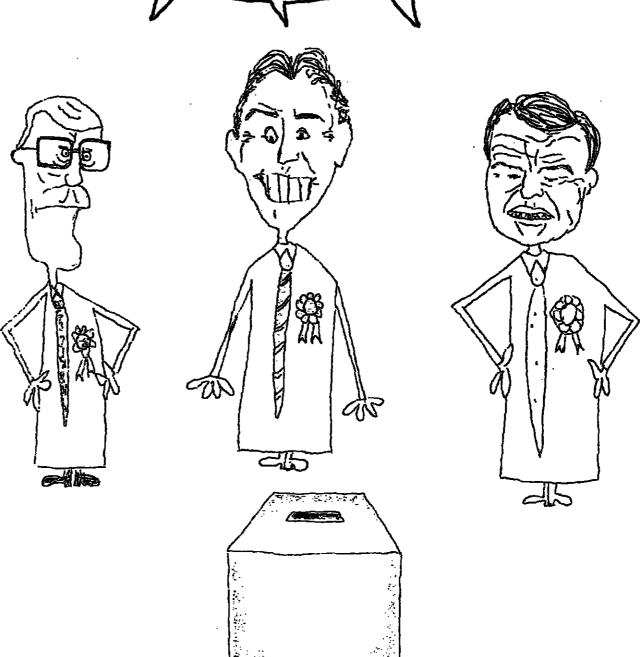
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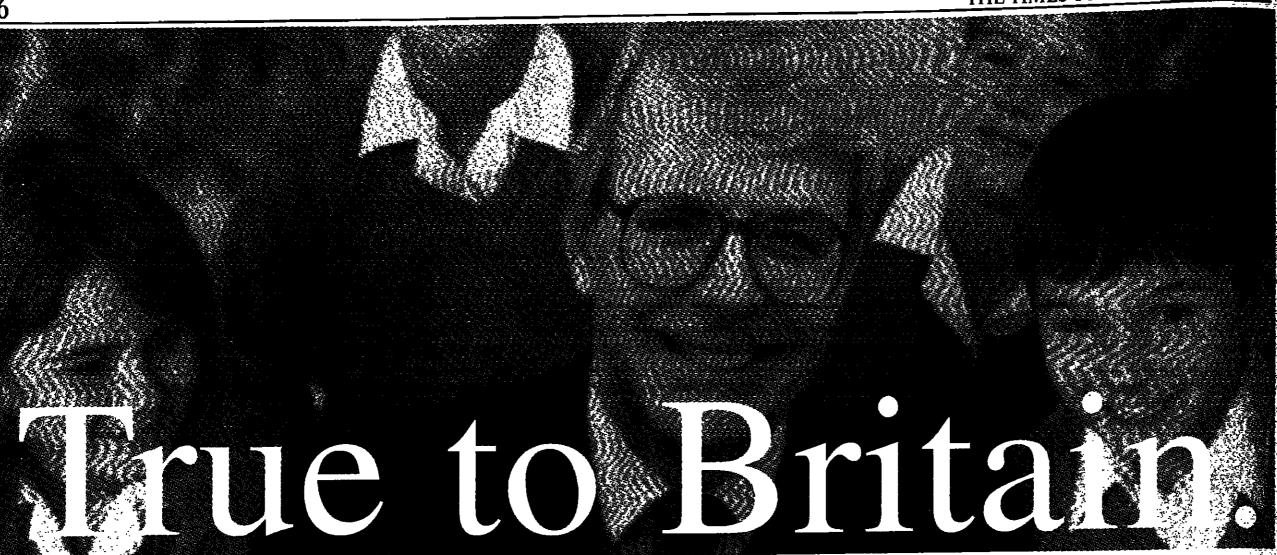
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Son must sell home to pay for mother's care, judge rules

A MAN who gave up his job to look after his ailing mother must sell his home to pay for her care, the High Court ruled yesterday. The landmark ruling means that people who move back to the family home to look after someone who is ill risk losing the roof over their heads if the sick relative has to move into residential care.

The ruling does not affect the rights of a husband or wife to keep their home if their spouse has to go into care. However, anyone else, including children, who live in a house caring for sick relatives are covered by the ruling. Help the Aged received 3,000 inquiries last year from carers in this predicament.

The test case involved David Harcombe, 52, who emigrated to Australia in 1976 to become a social worker. In 1991 he returned to Britain to look after his mother. Faith, who had suffered from Parkinson's disease and had been forced to leave her four-bedroom house at Watchet in Somerset and go into care.

Because her son could look after her, she was able to move back to her house, but in 1993 she suffered a series of strokes

which meant she needed fulltime care again and moved to a residential home in Minehead. Her income was £500 a month short of the fees, and Somerset County Council

decided that her home must

be sold to meet the difference. The "council refused to exercise the discretion it has to allow Mrs Harcombe's son to keep the home, partly because he returned to Australia in March 1994 to resume his this up and returned to Somer-The council agreed that as long as he lived in the house it would not force him to sell, although it continued to claim

£500 a month for the care. His mother died ten days ago, aged 85, with the outstanding bill at £25,000. Interest will now start to accrue on it. Mrs Harcombe's estate is to be divided between her son and his sister, Ann, but the longer the bill is unpaid the less money will be left for

Mr Justice Forbes said there was nothing unreasonable in the council's approach. "I have decided that the value of the house should not be disre-

Wilde to hold forth with weary passers-by

A MONUMENT to Oscar Wilde, showing his head and a cigarette-clad hand rising from a granite sarcophagus, has been commissioned from one of Britain's leading artists, Maggi Hambling, to mark next month's centenary of his release from Reading

garded because it would not

be reasonable to do so in all

It was central to the case

that Mr Harcombe returned

to Australia in an attempt to

re-establish his career. This

meant that his current occupa-

tion of the house was not

attributable to any need for him to care for his mother.

"Rather it is attributable to his

own decision to give up his job

and accommodation in Australia," the judge said. He agreed that the council

was right in deciding not to enforce the charge over Mrs Harcombe's home and sell it

while her son still lived there.

That was in recognition of his

emotional attachment to the

property and the support he

had given to his mother in her

final years. But the concession

would give no rights to anyone

The judge adjourned the question of who should pay

the action's heavy legal costs.

else who lived there.

the circumstances."

The idea was proposed by the film director Derek Jarman shortly before his death in 1994. A committee. including the actress Dame Maggie Smith, the director Sir Richard Eyre and the poet Seamus Heaney, was subsequently set up to raise the estimated £175,000 needed for

Ms Hambling, seeking to reflect Wilde's wit and sense of the ridiculous, produced an image of him talking, laughing and smoking at one end of the sarcophagus, allowing the passer-by to sit at the other end and hold a conversation with him.

near Trafalgfar Square. Wilde's grandson, Merlin "There are three elements, she said. "The sarcophagus, Holland, said: "Oscar seems



The granite and bronze monument by Maggi Hambling allows people to sit on one end and address Wilde

Wilde and whoever sits down on it." Maquettes, drawings and paintings for the work will be exhibited at the National Portrait Gallery next month, before the monument is erected in Adelaide Street,

to be in full conversational flow. It's quite intimate. You feel almost as if he's talking to you. It's got wit and is entirely in keeping with his char-

He said that Wilde - whose trial and conviction in 1895 for homosexual offences scandalised Victorian society

would have been amused by worse than being talked about not being talked about." the whiff of controversy about The concept, Ms Hambling it. "Westminster council has explained, was inspired by a line from Lady Windermere's given its permission but eyebrows were raised about the slightly unusual look. When Fan: "We are all in the gutter, it's explained to people, they but some of us are looking at smile. It's going to cause a few comments. Oscar once said several Wilde quotes to that there was only one thing

Vicar's wives are taking the cloth

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A TENTH of the Church of are married, 306 to clergymen. England's clergy are women, and in some dioceses the proportion is as high as one in five, according to a survey published vesterday. More than 300 are married to

The survey by the National Association of Diocesan Advisers in Women's Ministry covers the two years after the ordination of the first women priests in England in March 1994, and shows how quickly the change has spread in a than one third of those in many areas, although pockets active ministry were non-sti-

By the end of July 1996, there were 1,957 women in licensed ministry in the 43 dioceses. Most are middleaged, with relatively few below 40 or over 60 years old.

More than 200 are in "sector" ministries, working as chaplains at hospitals, prisons, universities, colleges and in industry. Six out of ten

The diocese with the largest number of women priests is Oxford, with 101, followed closely by Southwark, with 91. and St Albans, with 80. At the opposite end of the scale are Sodor and Man, which has one; Blackburn and Bradford, with 14 each, and Truro with 15.

The survey destroys the myth that most ordained time or unpaid posts. Fewer of traditionalist resistance pendiary, while about half of remain. pendiary, while about half of the total had full-time, stipendiary jobs, with 382 women enjoying the protection of the "parson's freehold" in incumbencies, or working as team

vicars or priest-in-charge. Canon Christine Farrington, chair of the national association and a priest in Cambridge, said: "We believe the figures from some dioceses are very heartening."

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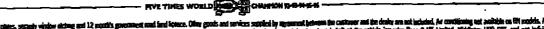
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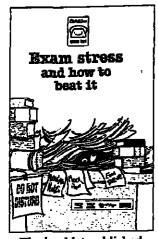
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Stress levels soar as record numbers sit school exams



The booklet published by ChildLine yesterday

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ravaged by nightmares. Asked if he was being

disturbed by memories of

three years in the trenches in

the First World War, he

replied: "No. my dreams are

of examinations." In old age,

the fear engendered by Cam-

bridge examiners was still

greater than that induced by

German gunners.

BY JOHN O'LEARY **EDUCATION EDITOR**

MOUNTING examination pressure on children from the age of seven onwards means demand for revision guides is soaring, publishers said yesterday, as an unprecedented number of pupils prepared for national tests. Next week 600,000 pupils sit the national curriculum tests for 14-yearolds. Tests for 11-year-olds are the following week, while seven-year-olds are assessed individually throughout the

With most GCSE and Alevel examinations scheduled

those with a fragile self-

esteem, and the potentially

depressed or schizophrenic.

Parents and tutors should

Coping with questions of pressure

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pupils will be tested over the next two months. A rising school population and increased entries make the total the highest ever.

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this year produced its first

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now publishes more than 100

The development of educa-

tional CD-Roms has seen new

One of the companies trying

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Aircom International, based

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the growth in computer use at

home and school was a mag-

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During examination times.

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tional leaders.

The boom for publishers is accompanied by stress for candidates. ChildLine, the children's charity, issued a booklet yesterday to help anxious youngsters to cope.

A survey carried out by ChildLine last year showed that a sample of 1,000 secondary school pupils worried more about doing well at school than anything else in their lives. Children as young as 12 were worried about university entrance.

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guides next month.

Dave High, its director of business development and marketing, said: "This was an obvious area of diversification for us because we have the software engineers capable of coming up with a product attractive to young people. We think there is tremendous potential in the education

Demand for advice on coping with stress is also rising. Associated Examining Board has seen orders for its free booklet, How to Do Better in Exams, reach 700,000 a year and is prepared for another increase this summer. John Hall. Child Line's

counselling support manager, said: "Adults often underestimate the stress that young people are under at exam ime, and children sometimes find it hard to ask for help." He said that for some children the pressure to succeed became unbearable.

Revision guides, in book form, cost between E3 for the youngest age-groups and Ell for some A levels, while most CD-Roms range between £20 and £40. Many schools and local authorities have put on free revision classes for GCSE students, but private tutors can cost up to £20 an hour.

The ChildLine leaflet is available by telephoning 0171-239 1098, or by writing to ChildLine Royal Mail Building, Studd Street, London N1 OQW. The AEB booklet is available from Barclays Bank



Maternity pay case could cost millions

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

FORMER supermarket ance contributions and statucheck-out worker began an industrial tribunal claim for maternity pay yesterday. which, if successful, could cost employers millions of pounds in extra payments for two million women who do not earn enough to pay National Insurance contributions.

Deborah Banks is bringing the £700 claim against Tesco and the Secretary of State for Social Security after she was denied maternity pay because

she did not earn enough. She worked at the Tesco store in Gillingham, Kent. However, despite having worked since 1988, she had not earned enough over an eightweek period to qualify for

tory maternity pay.

The industrial tribunal in Ashford was told that Mrs Banks, who is being backed by

the charity Maternity Alli-ance, worked part-time and earned £55.93 per week - on average £1 less than the level set for National Insurance contributions. As a result, she received no maternity pay.

Tess Gill, for Mrs Banks, said the claim under the Equal Pay Act would, if not successful. be challenged through the appeal courts and at the European Court of Justice. The tribunal panel adjourned to discuss whether to accept jurisdiction for the case or refer it straight to the European Court.

Back pain. caused by discontent with work conditions

MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

UNHAPPY workers are particularly prone to back pain, scientists have discovered. A survey of 4,500 adults has shown that the more dissatisfied people are with their jobs. the more likely they are to suffer aches at the base of the spine. The problem affects 40 per cent of adults a year.

The researchers from the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council unit at Manchester University found that depression was responsible for more back pain than lifting heavy objects. The researchers discovered that a feeling of not being in control, and general dissatisfaction, was responsible for one in four of all new cases of lower back pain. One in six who developed an ache round the lower spine had shown signs of depression and psychological distress. Social class was not a factor.

Alan Silman, director of the Manchester unit, said the results showed employers needed to improve the working environment and grant workers more autonomy in the way they did their jobs. ☐ The National Back Pain Association has launched a nationwide survey to find out how much the average schoolchild packs in a satchel. The association says it believes many people suffer from back pain in later life because of the wear and tear on their spine at school. It estimates that a 12 year old, weighing about 6st probably carries about a third of their body weight around with them in their school bag.

With schools increasingly requiring children to move from classroom to classroom rather than having teachers coming to them, they have to carry the bag around all day.

The problem is exacerbated by lack of locker space, poorly designed desks, an increase in sedentary lessons such as computing and a decrease in physical education. Although regulations exist to prevent adults from lifting too much, the association says that there are no load-bearing weight restrictions for children.

☐ Trade unionists laid a wreath outside the Health and Safety Executive's London headquarters yesterday in honour of employees who have been killed by poor conditions at work. The event was one of many organised around the country to commemorate Workers' Memori-

al Day. Since 1979, 680 members of the GMB union have been killed at work or died as a result of illness caused at work. Almost half of the deaths were because of exposure to asbestos.

payment of National Insur-One third of learners fail driving theory test

By Kevin Eason

THOUSANDS of learner drivers are taking advantage of a fall in the number of people taking driving tests by retak-ing the tests on the same day to ensure they get their licence.

Since January I, pupils must pass the extra hurdle of a written examination before they can take the on-road test. The pass rate for the theory test is 65 per cent, and many are not even booking lessons until they have passed.

The fall in the number of people booking an on-road test has led to empty driving centres with unfilled slots for on-road examinations, while driving schools are struggling to find business. More than 300 examiners employed on contract by the Driving Standards Agency are working as little as a day a month. BSM, Britain's biggest driving school, said last night that it

was closing 18 branches. Martin Arnold, for BSM. said: "Applications for road tests have fallen by 54 per cent so there are bound to be gaps for learners to jump into. We are hearing a lot of stories of learners who fail their test, get straight back onto the telephone and make a booking for later in the day and go back sometimes with the same examiner — to try again."

One man, who had told a new employer he could drive when he had no licence, took his test five times in three days until he passed, according to BSM's King's Heath branch in Birmingham.

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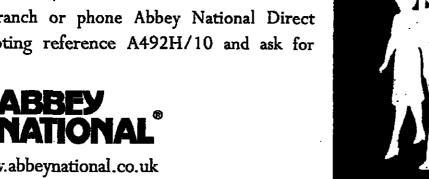
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LIVE AT No 10 SINCE 1951

Nervous Labour dares to relax

Blair's team has learned to

laugh off mishaps

which used to throw it into

a rage, writes

Ben Macintyre

IN Nottingham, the backdrop of Labour campaign posters behind Tony Blair slowly disintegrated in mid-pressconference as the cameras rolled; in Loughborough the Labour leader was hit by a well-aimed apple core, the first flying fruit of the election; in Leicester Town Hall square he was loudly and persistently heckled by a man sitting high in a tree and demanding that he "tax the rich".

Three weeks ago, this succession of embarrassments would have sent the Blair spin-doctors into a splenetic rage. But the Labour campaign is no longer the brittle and nervous thing it was, for a perceptible whiff of imminent victory is already emanating from the Blair camp, despite strenuous efforts to suppress

The visible hardening of the jaw to which Mr Blair is prone in times of stress has gone; instead he wears the unmistakable, slightly guilty demeanour of a boy who knows what he is getting for Christmas but doesn't want to spoil the surprise by letting it be known that he knows.

He is indiscriminately benevolent. With a smile, he thanked whoever had inexpertly tacked up the campaign posters in Nottingham's Central TV studios; there was another vote of thanks and a grin for whoever tossed the remains of his apple on the playing fields of Loughborough University, catching Mr Blair on the arm. He was even grateful for the vociferous interruptions from the Leicester tree-dweller wearing

the strange Inca hat. "Thanks very much," said Mr Blair, like Bruce Forsyth camping it up for the studio

Instead of trading wordless recriminations, as before, the Labour aides now exchange winks and nudges. Cherie Blair performs a peculiar, bobbing, adoring dance as her husband delivers his speeches.

But if the body-language of the Blair campaign betokens the suphoria of approaching victory, the spoken language is contrasting and consistently, if not quite credibly, down-

In Nottingham Mr Blair announced that he was taking nothing for granted; in Loughborough he was apparently taking even less for granted; by the time he reached Leicester, here was man who would not like to predict whether the sun will rise tomorrow, let alone the

edom.

outcome of the election. In a little over three hours, he refused to count his chickens (those mascots of this election) a total of eight times. roundly declared that Britain "is not a landslide country" four times, and eschewed "complacency" with metro-nomic regularity. Every time he proclaimed

his incertitude, however, the Labour leader appeared a little more certain.

Posing with Loughborough University rugby XV, alongside the splen-



didly villainous and sweaty figure of former England hooker Brian Moore Mr Blair's determination to avoid premature jubilation and hubris was stretched to the limit. On cue, one of the players turned his back to the cameras and there, suddenly, Mr Blair was standing next to Number Ten. "We don't want to be triumphalist," he said,

triumphantly. The contrast with the tension and uncertainty of the campaign's opening days could hardly be more acute. Mr Blair has relaxed, and the mood has been caught by his team, even though many of them are far less certain what their job will be next week

"Tony Blair hit by Granny Smith" was a headline that would once have sent the aides into turmoil, but yesterday they barely flinched as the chewed missile whizzed unexpectedly out of the crowd of Loughborough students. Similarly in Leicester, when supporters of the Socialist Labour Party set up chants of "New Labour, New Tory" and "Tory Blair", the Labour leader merely shrugged indulgently and shot back: "Every time you voice support for Arthur Scargill's party you do a disservice to everything the Labour Party stands for." The crowd cheered Mr Blair smiled, but not too much. Mrs

Blair bobbed. The Blair campaign is de- off again.

veloping a glamorous edge that would have been unthinkable in its earlier stages. Take the formation of helicopters laid on to ferry the Labour team and accompanying press around the country, a "presidential" technique of a sort that Mr Blair has hitherto studiously avoided. Even the spin-nurses could be heard humming The Ride of the Valkyries the theme from

Apocalypse Now. The new celebrity atmosphere seems to be contagious. A man in Leicester caught sight of Mrs Blair working the crowd. He rushed up, stared at her as if apprising a pin-up girl in the flesh. "Very attrac-tive," he declared, and dashed

"This event will take place win or lose."

Labour is keenly aware of the damaging impact its "victory" party had when they lost the last election in 1992. Officials were seen crying amid unopened bottles of champagne.

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR and his family will move into 10 Downing Street if he becomes Prime Minister, it was confirmed yesterday, al-though building work may have to be carried out to extend the private flat to make it big enough for the

The disclosure by Whitehall sources that Mr and Mrs Blair would move their three children into the small flat from their home in Islington, north London, came on a day when Mr Blair had been preaching to his party about the risks of commplacency. His office reacted furiously, describing the disclosure as inaccurate, unhelpful and inappropriate".

Any changes needed for the flat would be paid for by the public purse. At present, it includes four bedrooms, a sitting room, dining room, kitchen and two or three bathrooms. It could be several weeks before it is ready for the Blairs. This would be the first time children have lived at Number 10 since Attlee moved his family out of the flat in the former servants' quarters in 1951.

It is thought unlikely that Mr Blair would sanction any lavish refurbishment, but the flat could be extended by taking over some upstairs training rooms as well as bedrooms used by civil servants who sometimes have to stay overnight.

Any expenditure would have to be approved by Alex Allan, the Prime Minister's principal private secretary, who is the Downing Street



Number 10 may be scene of children's games again

accounting officer. It would have to be justifiable and the decision would be taken in the same way as any other decision in government

One view at Westminster yesterday was that the Blairs would prefer to delay a family move into Downing Street until Euan, 13, Nicholas, Il, and Kathryn, nine, are on their summer holidays from school.

The Downing Street flat, entered by a white door

marked "private", is on a mezzanine floor six or seven steps up from the policy unit. The flat is in former servants' cramped quarters and there is no longer any permanent domestic staff to help the Prime Minister. Occasional-ly staff from Chequers help

the Majors mid-week. A security source said last night that "anything was possible for the Blairs - how they wish to live as a family - if they co-operate with us.

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As long as we know who is coming and going, then it

would be fine."

Mr Blair, and his wife Cherie have never set foot in the Prime Minister's private accommodation — their only visit to Number 10 was to a state banquet — and it would not be known whether it would suit their family's needs until they are shown the layout on Friday when the elction results are known.

In theory, the Blairs could have the pick of any of the government houses in London. There are three flats in the Admiralty, a residence in Carlton Gardens used by the Foreign Secretary, and a Belgravia home which has been used recently by home secretaries.

The last children to play regularly in the Donwing Street garden were Tom and Emily Lawson when their father

Chancellor. Margaret Thatcher was sympathetic to the needs of the Lawsons' young family who lived at No 11. She used to allow them a paddlign pool and climbing frame in the garden and the children were banned from using the No logarden only on Thursday morning when the Cabinet met.

Harold Macmillan's grandson, the Earl of Stockton, recalled many occasions when he was allowed to play in Downing Street when his grandfather was Prime Minister. At a party, he recalled, he and his cousins ended up dancing the conga in the basement and because all the corridors inter-connected, they ended in the Ministry of Defence building on the other side of Whitehall.

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Win or lose, the red rose party will go on at least until dawn

LABOUR is planning a huge election night party for its staff, regardless of the result of Thursday's poll (James Landale

invitations to the late-night jamboree will go out today to hundreds of party officials at Labour's London headquarters

and others around the country.

Amid Tory accusations of Labour complacency, party officials yesterday said the event was simply a way of thanking staff for their hard work during

After the polls have closed at 10pm on Thursday, hundreds of Labour officials

and party workers at Millbank Tower will head over the Thames to the Royal Festival Hall on the South Bank. There, probably in People's Palace restaurant, they will drink, listen to music and watch the results coming in on huge television

screens until 5am. Labour aides said many other party supporters and "B-list" celebrities were as volunteers, in Labour's central camalso expected to join in the fun. Peter Cunnah, lead singer of D:Ream, whose song Things Can Only Get Better has become Labour's anthem for the election, is expected to attend, along with artists such as the Jazz a Belies and the comedy

from Sedgefield, Tony Blair is expected to address the gathering at about 4.30am on Friday.

a senior Labour spokesman said. "It is an event with the sole purpose of thanking all those who have worked, both full time or

Major's manic odyssey to keep kingdom together



Despite a growing Tory end-of-term feeling, Charles Bremner finds the head looking forward to a new timetable

JOHN MAJOR took up arms yesterday to fight against collapse. However, the threat of disintegration which he invoked in a manic day of aeroplane hopping. did not apply to his own fortunes but the unity of the

In a ten-hour odyssey, he visited Belfast, Edinburgh, North Wales and returned to London, to trumpet the evils of disunion in its various forms, from Sinn Fein and the IRA to Labour's devolution plans. Putting the question at its simplest in Scotland, he asked: "Do you want the United Kingdom broken up into bite-size

If he was four days from losing the election, he was determined not to show it as he displayed punchy form in a day of symbol-laden "picture bites". From the centre of Belfast to a windswept Weish hillside, he wielded the future indicative, outlining actions planned for his next term in office.

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circling within his own party. Mr Major seems determined to go down fighting. "He's not in denial," said one aide. "He really believes he's going to win.

ever, to disguise the end-ofterm feel, especially aboard "kilo alpha", the British Midland Boeing 737 which was on its last outing as his flying campaign battle bus. Festive rather than funereal, the crew had decked the cabin with balloons, draping blue crepe over Mr Major's seats in the first row.

Mr Major spent much of the day plotting his final offensive with Dr Brian Mawhinney and other strat-egists. The party chairman, also known as the Belfast Strangler, was the hand behind the Prime Minister's most delicate stop, a onehour visit to Belfast.

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Mr Chalk's "hip hip hoo-rays" were echoed in the similarly un-Scottish vowels of Lord James Douglas Hamilton and many Tory loyalists in Edinburgh. Standing by the National Gallery under the shadow of the castle, Mr Major told the Scots to think what was at stake before they voted: "This is maybe a vote that will change the history and future of Scotland and the rest of the UK." Enjoying himself, he even managed to

carve up a few hecklers. Another flight later, in

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Blame game exposes the twin Tory camps

Andrew Pierce and Philip Webster on how No 10 sidelined Central Office

THE divisions within the Conservative party were laid bare last night when friends of its chairman, Brian Mawhinney. accused Downing Street of setting him up as the scapegoat should the Tories lose the

Supporters of Dr Mawhinney, who is in charge of Central Office and election campaign staff, accused their Downing Street counterparts yesterday of briefing against

The root of the deepening discontent between the two camps stems from John Major's unilateral decision to put Europe at the centre of the campaign. Mr Major discussed his plans at Downing Street with key aides such as Lord Cranborne, his chief-of-staff and Howell James, his political secretary.

The Prime Minister's decision to rely on his Downing Street team of advisers in preference to Central Office exposed the most serious tensions. "Downing Street calls all the shorts. It is a rival power base," said a supporter of Dr Mawhinney.

The growing tensions mirror the 1987 election campaign when Lord Young sought alternative advertising campaign advice without the knowledge of Lord Tebbit, then party chairman. "John Major is the Lord Young figure this time round," said a friend of Dr Mawhinney. One Senior Tory official

Brian Mawhinney, left, and Lord Saatchi, who fell out over the Conservative's advertising campaign

added: "Everyone is very sensitive about the blame game. The chairman assumes it is the Majorites who are briefing against Central Office." Di Mawhinney is particularly sensitive about criticism because of the affect it could have on his post-election future.

Central Office was brought into the discussions to put Europe at the centre of the campaign only an hour before the morning's press conferto begin. "We were bounced." said a source. Mr Major also decided in Downing Street to remake that night's election broadcast on Europe, defying Dr Mawhinney who tried to persuade him to revert to the original which focused on trusting Labour after positive

reports on the lunchtime

The next morning's press conference was again dominated by Europe when Mr Major revealed that he would give Tory MPs a free vote on a single currency. It was unscripted. He had not told Dr Mawhinney. "At that point it was obvious Central Office had lost control of the campaign to Major's men at

Downing Street." The predominately Euro-sceptic camp at Central Office thought the only votes to be gained by putting Europe at the centre was if Mr Major ruled out a single currency. which was never going to happen. "The issue became Mr Major versus Mr Blair at

mental conference. Most voters have never heard of the IGC. We just wasted days and days," said the source.

Dr Mawhinney, backed by Sir Tim Bell, another key adviser, David Willetts and Danny Finklestein, who run the research department, wanted to hit Mr Blair hard. and concentrate on "trust and the wallet. They were again overruled

For Dr Mawhinney and his friends the campaign never got back on line. "Unemployment figures, good inflation was lost in the din of Europe. Labour was no longer on the defensive and making up policy on the hoof. It was always: going to make it hard then to turn around the opinion

It was also confirmed that there have been disagreements between the party's advertising chief, Lord Saatchi, and Central Office. Tensions between Dr Mawhinney and Lord Saatchi arose before the campaign began when Lord Saatchi objected to criticism, frequently clashed with Dr Mawhinney, and unfairly blamed Central Office for pulling some of his best advertisements, a Tory insider said.

Official Tory sources said talk of a serious rift was "overblown". "This is a grown-up campaign and occasionally you are going to get

Blair initiates musical chairs for Cabinet table

caution aside at the weekend by beginning, privately, to name members of his first Cabinet. The problem for political pundits desperate to know the make-up of the new government was that the aides left 18 gaps around the Cabinet

Four of Mr Blair's closes lieutenants can stand easy, backing. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, Robin Cook, Shadow Foreign Secretary, **Jack Straw,** Shadow Home Secretary, and David Blunkett, Shadow Education and Emloyment Secretary. can book themselves into their matching government posts alongside Mr Blair.

John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader, has been assured of a "key post" by Mr Blair and is expected to contin-ue the title of Deputy Prime Minister revived by Michael Heseltine. A role as "Superminister", co-ordinating environmental and transport policy, together with a regional development strategy that he has already set in

train, looks likely. Donald Dewar, currently the party's Chief Whip, has been touted for several pivotal roles. However, his record as a highly skilled parliamentary negotiator is likely to secure the post of Leader of the Commons, where he would steer through flagship legisla-tion in the face of demolition tactics by the Tory Opposition.

That would allow Mr Blair to appoint a woman as Chief Whip, with Ann Taylor moving from the Shadow Leader of the Commons to the crucial non-Cabinet role.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, Shadow Lord Chancellor and a close confidant of Mr Blair. looks certain to take over the matching Government post, retaining his strong advisory role. Another essential Cabi-net position, that of Leader of the Lords, looks set to go to Lord Richard, although Mr Blair has faced pressure to put Baroness Blackstone in post.

Although Harrict Harman, as Shadow Social Security Secretary, and Chris Smith. Shadow Health Secretary, have suffered from negative campaigning at the hands of Gordon Brown's spin doctors, a desire for continuity may keep them in post. Although



Dewar: tipped to become Leader of the Commons

The race is on to

name the 23 members of Tony Blair's first Cabinet. So far there are 18 empty places, writes Arthur Leathley

Margaret Beckett, a defeated Labour leadership candidate, looks set to have a prominent position in Cabinet, there are doubts over the composition of her Department of Trade and Industry. Jack Cunningham. the current Shadow National Heritage Secretary, is considered to have the charisma to become the high-profile "min-

ister for fun". Mr Prescott's cross-departmental brief is likely to prompt the end of a specific Transport Secretary position, offering Mr Blair the opportunity to move Andrew Smith

Such a move leaves David Clark, the Shadow Defence secretary, looking doorned to a non-Cabinet position

The Environment Department also looks set to be stripped of much of its present power, leaving Frank Dobson without a role. He may prefer to let the junior Cabinet position on education go to a newcomer, such as Stephen

Question marks hang over the futures of Tom Clarke, the Shadow Disabled Rights Minister, and Clare Short, Shadow Overseas Development Minister, each of whose posts may be downgraded to non-Cabinet rank. The heads of the shadow Northern Ireland, Welsh and Scottish offices have prompted criticism within the party. However, the respective incumbents, Mar-jorie Mowlem, Ron Davies and George Robertson, may be spared the axe in the short

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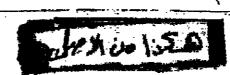


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Heseltine snaps over taunts that Major ducked TV

Jill Sherman watches the dutiful deputy fly into a rage

MICHAEL HESELTINE flew into a temper last night when members of a television studio audience accused John Major of being "chicken" for failing to appear on the programme and be cross-questioned by

The Prime Minister told London Weekend Television on Sunday morning that he would be unable to attend ITV 500 — The People's Election when each of the three party leaders was due to face 20 minutes of questions from a representative audience. It is the only peak-time television election programme where voters have a chance to challenge politicians directly.

Yesterday the Deputy Prime Minister, who took his place, worked himself up into a rage minutes after the programme got under way after a hostile audience taunted him over Mr Major's absence.

Sue Lawley introduced the programme by saying that it had been expected that the three leaders would be there, but John Major "let us know over the last few days that he would not be joining us".

The 500-strong audience booed softly during the introduction prompting an angry outburst from Mr Heseltine. "We cannot allow the fact that the Prime Minister has been in Northern Ireland and couldn't announce his programme because of security reasons to go by," he said.

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But when one member of the audience shouted out "chicken" he lost his temper. "If you think that the Prime Minister going to Northern Ireland is chicken you haven't the first idea what a brave and courageous man is

all about," he snapped.

When Ms Lawley pointed out that he was visiting Northern Ireland yesterday morning, but that the programme was taking place in the after-



Lawley: pointed out that visit was in the morning

noon, he added tersely: "he was also visiting other parts of the United Kingdom. That is the big issue of the day."

Mr Heseltine then attacked the political leanings of the audience after facing a barrage of questions on poverty, low wages and grammar schools and how the Tories had managed to "con the country for the past 18 years". He argued that because the audience had been selected by the polling organisation MORI to represent a cross section of the public they were inherently hostile to the Conservatives.

"Let us not have any illusions," he said. "This audience is carefully selected to represent the political parties. That means, on any normal statistics, about two-thirds of this audience want either a Liberal or Labour candidate to win. It is an audience that is bound to give an anti-Government slant, and I hope everybody at

home will understand that." Mr Heseltine did little to try to win round his audience, who had been selected two months ago. He sparked further jeers when he told a nurse complaining about pay rises handed out to "fat cats" that average earnings were rising ahead of inflation. "It's no use shouting, if you don't like the truth, the fact is that average earnings are rising faster than inflation," he retorted angrily. That's why living standards are rising, the housing market is booming, retail sales are rising - because people are

Pressed on the tax rises brought in by the Tories after the last election, Mr Heseltine said there had been 25 tax reductions and he was proud that the Government had decided to raise taxes to protect essential public services during the recession.

ing the recession.

Ms Lawley suggested that the nation's trust had been eroded by the tax rises. But to shouts, of rubbish Mr Heseltine argued. "If we had cut essential public services at that time under the pressure of the recession, we wouldn't have deserved to be re-elected today. But we were not prepared to let the pensioners, the health service and the school lede are fire."

He got further heckling when he suggested that no one had to rely on the basic state pension. Asked if he could manage on a state pension he said: "No old age pensioner has to manage on just the old age pension. There is council tax benefit, housing benefit... and depending on their cir-

cumstances, a range of health

Paddy Ashdown and Tony Blair were also given a rough ride when they had to take centre stage for 20 minutes, but neither was rufiled by the hostile questioning.

hostife questioning.

Mr Ashdown appeared to condone tactical voting when he said people who wanted the Tories out should vote for the party most likely to get them out. "Vote for what you believe in. Cast your vote for what you want. If your purpose is getting rid of this government, you vote to achieve that."

Mr Ashdown confirmed that he would not work with a Conservative government in a hung Parliament but he also gave a strong indication that he expected a clear Labour majority. A hung Parliament was "extremely unlikely to happen," he said.



Michael Heseltine: denied that John Major was being "chicken" by not appearing on programme

Labour takes wing with a vision of the future

THE Tories tried to frighten voters early in the campaign with a piece of television fiction speculating on what life might be like under Labour. Last night Labour returned the compliment. While the Tarters showed a string of materialistic voters whining that they had been duped into voting Labour and were quickly worse off, Labour screened a featurette of life after a Tory victory.

A young father is too late to vote on Thursday because he has been waiting six hours in casualty while overworked NHS staff treat his daughter's fractured arm. As he walks out of the hospital, it is pouring with rain. A cab pulls up and tells them to get in. Then the cabbie, played by Pete Postlethwaite, reveals that he has special

insight into people's lives.

Life under the Tories would mean more crowded hospitals, larger school class sizes, perhaps VAT on food, unsafe streets. And as he drops them, waiving the fare, the father notices that the hands of the public clock is being turned back. There is still time to vote Labour.

TV WATCH

Film buffs will enjoy the parallels. The plot is a lift from Frank Capra's It's a Wonderful Life, in which an angel shows a suicidal James Stewart the devastation created if he had never existed. The Labour cabbie

has wings.

Labour's director was Stephen Frears, the master of English television films like My Beautiful Laundrette who made movies like The Grifters in the USA. The central assumption of the Labour film is, of course, riven with implausibilities. Whoever heard of an empty cab when it is pouring with rain? Who knows of a cabbie who will pass up a fare in any circumstances?

The skill of Frears, however, was to bridge the gap between his fantasy world and the real one. Although scenes were in soft focus and overlit as in a dream, the images were real — an overcrowded hospital with patients lying in corridors; an overcrowded schoolroom, where children cannot concentrate; a high street where a child is scared by the anarchic behaviour of the children around her. Only when making the point about VAT on heating, where the girl opens her

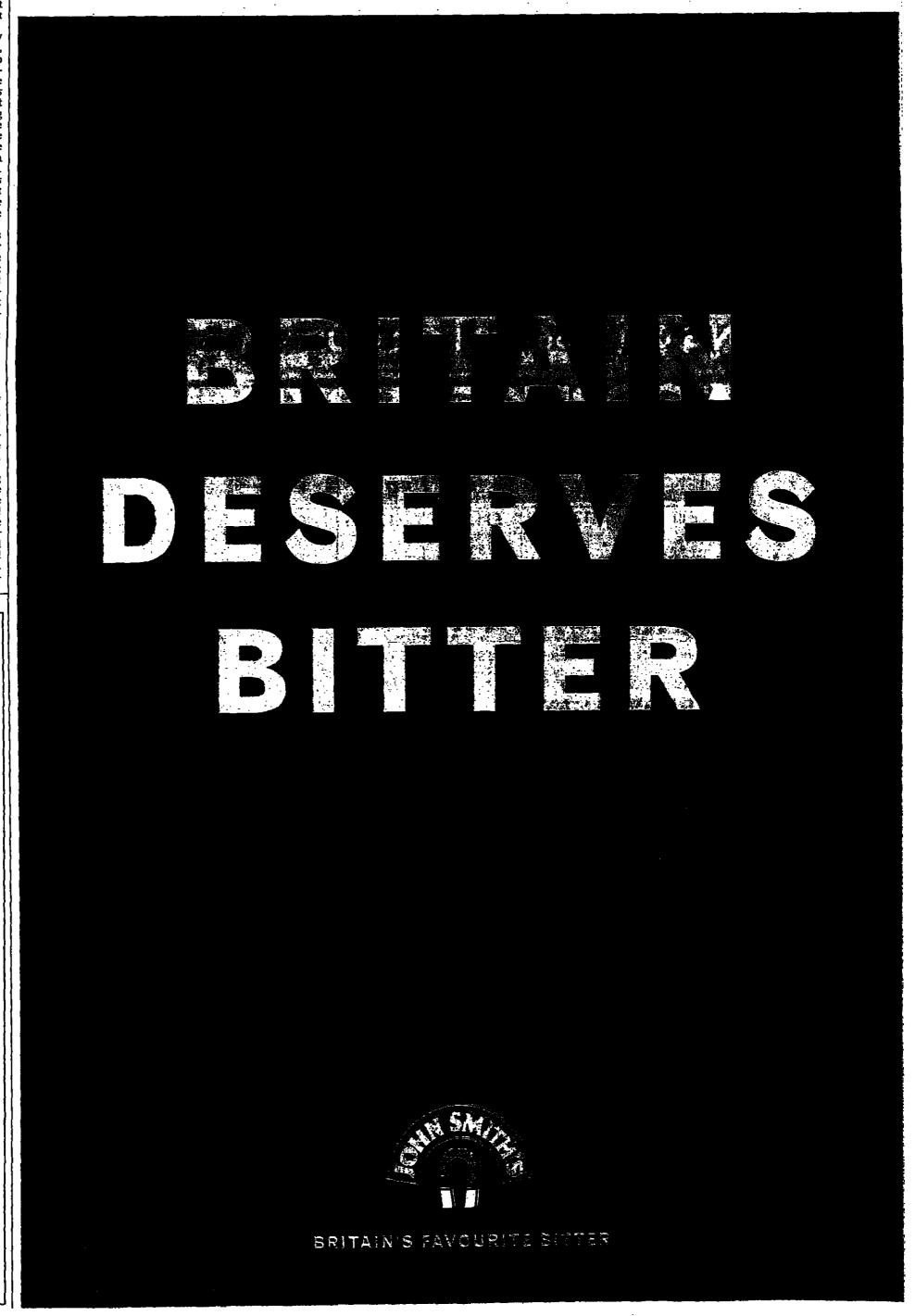
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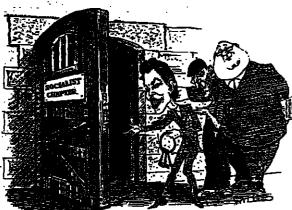
been put on food, did this

unlikely marriage of fact and the fabulous look absurd.
Labour have been winning the war of the election broadcasts. They have screened the bulldog Fitz. Molly Dineen's Blair documentary and last night's Taxi Driver — all well-made and well targeted. The Tory films have been weaker — the tree without roots perhaps the most ineffective — and were blown off-course as Mr Major scrapped the regular schedule to make a direct appeal to his party and the nation. All of which means very little, of course. Labour won the television propaganda wars in 1992

and 1987, too, but they lost







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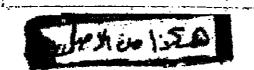
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Paddy keeps his hair on in air raid on loose bits

BOARDING a Sikorski helicopter to accompany Paddy Ashdown on a whirlwind tour of Liberal Democrat target seats, we were handed the three items those facing a day with a party leader should never be without ear-muffs, a sick-bag, and a map indicating the escape hatch.

Hold on to your loose bits, shouted one of Mr Ashdown's aides, as we were ushered on to the tarmac at Battersea Heliport in London, "or they'll blow away." The Liberal Democrats' airborne mission was to storm — in a morning — four Conservative constituencies with tiny majorities, and blow the Tories' loose bits away. From the window of the helicopter we watched Mr Ashdown's black Jaguar sweep up. In a moment the former Marine would be under that whirling rotor. A single question gripped onlookers. Does he lacquer his hair? Our chopper would provide the ultimate test. Ashdown stepped from the limousine, adjusted his eyes to slit-mode for a day's gritty glad-handing, and walked be-

neath the blades. The Times is pleased to announce that Mr Ashdown's hairspray passes the Sikorski Test. Not a loose strand: every ginger crinkle intact. The



Matthew Parris finds the Liberal Democrat leader unruffled by his party's low standing in the opinion polls during a whirlwind helicopter tour of Tory marginals

great and unruffled leader entered the helicopter and confronted twenty media folk for whom the mother of all bad hair days had just begun. "Hiyah! How ya doing?" he

cried. And we were away. The Liberal Democrats can afford only one chopper - not for them the Labour helicopter formation team - so we were all together with him. But rotor noise was too loud for conversation and Ashdown had an hour to himself as we headed for his first target, Colchester. Canary Wharf, construction works on the new Jubilee Line, the new East London river crossing and the painted. multicoloured liveries of privatised trains - testament to 18 years of Tharcherism passed beneath. The Palace of Westminster looked very

At 11.15am we came down in parkland, near a road. Mar-



Mr Ashdown: every strand of his hair remained in place during a day spent campaigning by helicopter

garet Thatcher was once reported to have stepped from a helicopter near Castle Donnington in the East Midlands, shot a bewildered glance at the surrounding cooling towers, and asked: "Where am I?" Here, somewhere in East

Anglia and for the first time, I sympathised. The Liberal Democrat candidate for Colchester, Bob Russell, and a handful of amazed townspeople stared as we climbed out. 'Hiyah! How'ya doing?" cried Ashdown. At the sports club some 200 supporters waited. Interestingly, they were a younger crowd than the other two leaders draw. He leapt on to a wall and grabbed a

The helicopter's emergency instructions include action to be taken at the command brace! brace!". The same command might helpfully be given before one of Mr Ashdown's harangues. Everyone waved orange placards and cheered. A former Marine who had quit the Labour Party was paraded like a prisoner of war. He attempted to tear up his Labour membership card for the cameras. It proved indestructible. We tore off back to the helicopter. Ashdown had spent 12 minutes in Colchester, but spent them well: he is an ace glad-

An hour later we landed on a sports field somewhere near Eastbourne, where candidate Chris Berry was waiting. Ashdown alighted. Hiyah! How'ya doing?" Have you read about that "cargo cult" on . a South Pacific island where the natives - whose folk



memory includes a Second World War emergency landing by a US freight aeroplane have built ritual landing strips where they pray in preparation for a Second Landing? In a century's time. long after various helicopters. Tories, Labour and Liberal Democrats are forgotten, the natives of Essex and Sussex may be worshipping patches

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after a lightning, placard-One realised that the problem with helicopter-hopping is brandishing street-parade not that the politician bores down Eastbourne's Terminus his audience, which keeps Road, bewildering scores of old ladies. Then it was the changing. The problem is that Sikorski. Then it was Lewes. If he bores himself. this was Lewes, that must be the candidate for Lewes, Norman Baker. "Hiyah! How'ya

doing?" Three hundred

Liberal Democrats - good

people, with nice faces -

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A man on crutches was brought to be blessed, then a pregnant woman, then a tod- and finally a dog. Paddy patted them all. "Hiyah! How'ya doing?" To the Sikorski! Twickenham was next. His hair was perfect.

Labour advance brings Lib Dems mixed omens

1F THE Liberal Democrats are ever to achieve a breakthrough, their best chance is this Thursday. Past advances in general elections have been at a Tory defeat, as in 1964 and 1974; the sole exception has been 1983, when Labour came close to destroying itself, and the Liberal/SDP Alliance had success. The omens this time are mixed, hecause of

Paddy Ashdown has concentrated on a limited number of target seats rather than attempting a broad national advance. The theory is that the party can win more seats for any given

share of the national vote. Since 1992, the Lib Dems have emerged as the second party of local government. and have built support in the South West. The 1994 polls for the European Par-liament showed both the potential and the dangers of this approach: the party won two seats, and was robbed of a third by a maverick candidate. But it was prevented from winning more because many anti-Tory votes went to Labour.

The party faces the same dilemma now. Its strategists claim that its national opinion poll rating - up from 12.8 to nearly 15 per cent during the campaign -understates its strength in its target seats.

The Lib Dem case is that even if Labour is gaining in these seats, it is at the expense of the Tories, leaving them well-placed as the leading challenger. The risk is that Labour may also be gaining from the Lib Dems. splitting the opposition vote again and allowing some Tories to win on a much lower share of the vote. The pattern is mixed, according to constituency polls conducted by ICM for The Observer. In some places. La-bour has moved up from third place to either create a three-way fight, as in Colchester, or to eclipse the Lib Dems, as in St Albans.

The Labour advance also threatens Lib Dem gains in its top target seats in the South West, such as Taunton and Bridgwater. However, the Lib Dems argue that there is scope to squeeze Labour on an appeal to people to vote tactically against the Tories. But warning against a Labour landslide risks frightening floating voters back to the

The resilient Mr Ashdown has fought a strong campaign, focusing on the party's costed plans on health, education and crime. though hardly mentioning constitutional reform. As



PETER RIDDELL

Labour has played safe, the Lib Dems have claimed they are being more candid on spending and tax. This would not work for one of the main contenders, but has helped prevent the Lib Dems being squeezed out of the picture.

My hunch is that the Lib Dems will win more seats overall, despite losing some through retirements and boundary changes. Some will be in the West Country. and the Lib Dems are also hopeful of gains at Oxford West and Abingdon, Southport and Hazel Grove. The risk for Mr Ashdown remains that, despite a modest advance, the party will be left on the sidelines by a big Labour win. Much will then depend on whether Tony Blair fulfils his promise of creating a non-tribal style of centre-left politics by reaching out to the Lib Dems.

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Clarke and Brown leave room to raise funds

TAX policy has been the dog that did not bark in this election campaign. However, the public's apparent indifference has been understandable. After seeing what happened to John Major's 1992 pledge of tax cuts "year after year". the voters have regarded all statements on taxes with suspicion.

Tony Blair's strategy, therefore, was to try to neutralise tax as a political factor and fight the election on other issues. However, given the strength of consumer spending and the damage done to exporters and manufacturers by the overvalued pound, substantial tax increases now look very likely whichever party is elected.

While the election may not have done much to restrain the Government's appetite for additional revenues, it has put down clear markers on how this money may and may not be raised. While the

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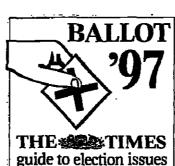
Liberal Democrats have boldly called for an increase of 1 per cent in the standard rate of income tax - from 23 to 24 per cent — to fund additional spending on education. Labour and the Conservatives have firmly ruled out any increase in the standard or the top rate of tax.

Labour has also promised that it will not increase the 17.5 per cent rate of VAT, nor extend VAT to food, newspapers, public transport and children's clothes. In addition, Labour will cut the VAT rate on domestic fuel and heating from 8 to 5 per cent. These are electoral pledges that voters can firmly rely on - they will not be broken, short of a war or some unpredictable calamity. The promises will never need to be broken because both Gordon Brown and Kenneth

Clarke have been extremely careful to leave themselves with plenty of leeway to raise additional funds without venturing into the forbid-den territories defined by their campaign promises.

By confining their promises on income tax rates, both parties have deliberately left open the possibility of raising more taxes by changing personal allowances, altering tax bands or reducing special reliefs for mortgage interest, pensions and personal equity plans. More importantly, they have left untouched the vast swath of taxes levied on company profits, motoring, energy, alcohol, tobacco, insurance and so

The £72 billion raised in income tax accounts for only 24 per cent of total government revenues, while VAT accounts for 17 per cent. Thus even if changes in these two types of tax were ruled completely out of



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bounds, there would be plenty of scope to raise additional revenues. What, then, might the two major parties do - and not do? On indirect taxes, the Tories have been slightly less specific than Labour. saying only that they have no plans and no need to extend or increase

VAT. Labour has said it would not extend VAT to private education but this promise does not seem to have quite the same definitive status as the promises on food and so on. Outside the VAT net, there are plenty of plans for higher indirect taxes. In fact, taxes on petrol and tobacco are scheduled to rise by 5 per cent in real terms each year under the plans already put forward in successive Tory Budgets. Labour could well accelerate this rate of increase, citing environmental and health concerns, but raising a lot of extra revenue in the

On income tax, the Tories have announced two major objectives: to reduce the standard rate of income tax from 23 to 20 per cent and to allow married couples with children and one non-working spouse to take advantage of two personal allowances instead of one. John

marriage relief would take priority over the general reduction in income tax. The relatively few eligible families would gain about £800 annually from this new relief.

Labour also has a "long-term objective" to reduce income tax, but its way of doing this is very different from the Tories. Instead of cutting the standard rate. Labour would introduce a 10 per cent tax band at the bottom of the income scale. This would be most beneficial to people on average and low earnings, while the gains from the Tory approach would go predominantly to those at the top of the income scale (see chart below).

Looking beyond income tax and VAT, the possibilities for tax changes are legion - and none of the parties has given any real indication of what it may or may not do. Probably the most sensitive

Major has said that this new area is the National Insurance system. However, an increase in National insurance rates seems unlikely since it would be instantly: identified as a devious way of breaking Mr Blair's cast-iron promises on income tax.

More likely areas for major reform are the taxation of savings. and corporate profits. Labour has already promised a windfall tax on the excess profits of the privatised utilities. If the Treasury wants to. raise extra money - and almost all economists are united in believing it will - the obvious places to look will be mortgage tax relief, insurance taxation and tax credits on dividends received by pension funds and personal equity plans... Reforms in these obscure corners of the tax system could raise many billions without breaking any electoral promises - and action is likely whichever party wins.

Tory reform has had little impact on salary slips

IF THERE is one thing that the numerous warring fac-tions of the Conservative Party

fill the hole left in successive Tory governments finances by the privatisation of exhave in common, it is faith in the lowest possible level of taxes. It must come as a bitter disappointment, therefore, that after 18 years of Tory rule. Britain's total tax burden is considerably higher than it was in the final year of the last Labour government — 36.25 per cent of gross domestic product in the Budget for 1997-98 compared with 34.25 per cent in 1978-79.

This increase in total taxes has not gone to pay for public services. Total government spending has fallen quite sharply, from 44 per cent of GDP in 1978-79 to a planned 40.5 per cent in the current financial year — a cut in public spending equivalent to about £24.5 billion, or half the total cost of the National Health Service. Where then has all the extra tax revenue gone? Most has been used to reduce the dangerously high deficits bequeathed to the Tories by the last Labour government public borrowing has fallen from 5.5 per cent of GDP to 2.5 per cent of GDP, a reduction almost equal to the cut in total public spending. However, a major part of the extra tax revenue has had to be used to

tremely profitable nationalis-

ed industries. These privatisations unquestionably increased the efficiency of some of Britain's most important industries, promoted economic growth and thus indirectly channelled money to the Exchequer. In addition, the profits of the former nationalised industries have been subject to corporation tax. Nevertheless, the direct effect on the public accounts has been sharply

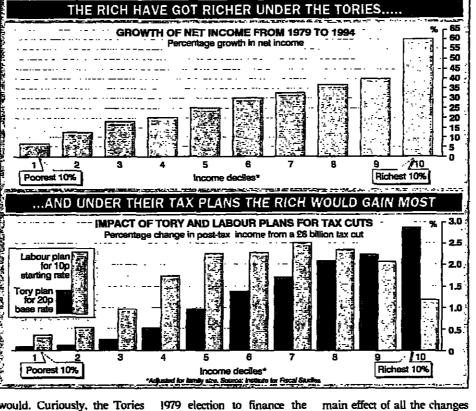
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negative: the Treasury's nontax income has fallen from 4.5 per cent of GDP in 1978-79 to a planned 1.75 per cent of GDP in 1997-98. This reduction in non-tax revenue, equivalent to almost £20 billion a year in today's money, has been roughly equal to the increase in the total burden of tax. It could be argued that the income lost from "selling the family silver" has been almost equal to the increase in total taxes under the Tories.

A related charge against the Tories is that they have squandered tax revenues from

half true. Government revenues from the North Sea today are down to less than £2 billion - very similar to the level in 1978-79. But when oil prices peaked in the mid-1980s, North Sea oil was yielding revenues of more than £12 biltion. This money was used partly to finance the tax cuts of the Lawson period and partly to repay the national debt. The tax cuts financed in this way were bound to prove unsustainable. The reduction in national debt should have been a lasting and worthwhile achievement. Sadly, it was frittered away by the economic mismanagement during Brit-

ain's time in the ERM. Despite their mixed record on the overall burden, the Tories have managed to deliver big reductions in certain taxes. Most notably, the top rate of income tax was reduced from 83p in the pound under Denis Healey to 60p immediately after the 1979 election and then to 40p in 1988. The standard rate of tax was cut from 33p to 25p under Marga-ret Thatcher and then trimmed to 23p under John Major. Inheritance tax has also fallen, although it has not been abolished, as Mr Major has repeatedly suggested it



would. Curiously, the Tories have actually increased the burden of the two taxes that entrepreneurs and small businessmen most dislike -- capital gains and business rates.

Despite these provisos, nobody can deny that the reduction in Britain's punitive income tax rates has been a genuine, and probably irreversible achievement But even on this central point at least three caveats must be attached. Most obviously, the money the Treasury gave up through income tax reductions was taken back by raising indirect taxes. VAT was almost doubled from 8 to 15 per cent immediately after the 1979 election to finance the first big reductions in standard and higher rates of tax. VAT was then raised to 17.5 per cent in 1991 to finance the replacement of the hated poll

tax by the council tax. The second caveat is that the actual deductions from most workers' pay packets have not changed by remotely as much as might be suggested by the headline cuts in rates. This is because successive Tory Chancellors have whittled away the numerous allowances - especially mortgage tax relief and marriage allowances - that used to be available against taxes and have lowered the starting levels at which both the standard and the top rates of income taxes are paid. In addition, there has been a big increase in the employee's National Insurance contribution, from 5.75 per cent in 1978-79 to 10 per cent today. This alone has offset roughly half the reduction in the standard rate of income tax since 1979. (The employer's National Insurance contribution, which most economists regard as a payment of income tax on behalf of the employees, has gone up even more sharply.)

Thus the net result under the Tories has been not so much to reduce the burden of income tax as to alter the way

This leads to perhaps the most serious objection to the Tory income tax record. The

was to redistribute income tax from one group of taxpayers to another and the main losers have been the people who could arguably least afford extra taxes: families on low to middle incomes, especially those with only one breadwinner. For example, a married couple with one working spouse on average earnings, a mortgage and two children, paid 12 per cent of their income in taxes and National Insurance in 1978-79. A similar family is now paying more than 20 per cent. The gainers from the Tory period have broadly been families with two full-time workers and the relatively rich. A family with

two workers and a total in-

come of three times average

earnings, for example, would

have paid 32 per cent of its

income in tax and National

Insurance in 1978-79. Today

that would be down to about

27 per cent. In sum, then, the changes in the tax system have contributed to the dramatic widening in Britain's distribution of income illustrated in the top chart. Most economists would argue, nevertheless, that evervone has benefited indirectly from a less penal tax system that has promoted economic efficiency, discouraged tax avoidance and sharpened economic incentives. But this may not be persuasive to voters who do not see the extra

money on their salary slip,

THE POLITICIANS

■ KENNETH CLARKE. Age: 56

Education: Nottingham High School, Cambridge (BA in law and LLB), Gray's Inn.

Experience: seven years as barrister in the Midlands, combined with work for Conservative Party and Bow Group. Elected 1970; swiftly promoted through whips' office to junior minister under Heath. In Cabinet since 1985, Chancellor since 1993.

Politics: passionate pro-European, one-nation Tory. fearless political bruiser with strong social conscience. Believes Treasury best serves the poor by maintaining strong growth and low inflation, not by redistributing

■ GORDON BROWN. Age: 46

Education: Kirkcaldy High School. Edinburgh University

Experience: academic and later a television journalist. Senior shadow economic posts since 1987. Shadow Chancellor since 1992.

Politics: convinced that Labour lost the last election because of its demand for higher taxes, especially on "aspirationals" who thought they might earn more in future then be clobbered by high tax. Opponent of old Labour class strugglers, but has read his Engels and Marx. Believes that greater equality can be achieved by offering opportunity to all, rather than by redistribution by taxation

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We have no plans and no need to increase the impact of VAT.

John Major, March 1992 We exempt far too many goods and services from VAT

a constituent, 1993 We hurt people and they remember those promises

Kenneth Clarke, letter to

and they remember the taxes
... this time they are looking
cautiously out of the side of their eyes, is this for

Kenneth Clarke, May 1996 There will be no increase in Labour manifesto

My tax-cutting ambition is to lower the starting rate of tax to 15p or even 10p.

Gordon Brown, September 1996

Gordon can say anything he likes if he thinks it is going to win the election. When Labour is in power they will be looking for other priorities apart from tax cuts. Diane Abbott, November 1995

THEFACTS

□ A married couple with one breadwinner on average earnings (£21.316) in 1996-97 paid 21.4 per cent of income in direct taxes. A similar couple would have paid 20.5 per cent in 1991-92 and 20.9 per cent in 1978-79. ☐ A single person on average earnings (E21,316) in 1996-97 paid 27.6 per cent in direct taxes.

A similar person would have paid 28.1 per cent in 1991-92 and 31.5 per cent in 1978-79.

☐ Taking account of changes in VAT and other indirect taxes. the total effects of all tax and benefit changes between 1992 and 1997 have been negative for everyone, according to the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

□ North Sea oil now produces less than £2 billion a year in. £12.03 billion in 1984-85

☐ Income tax now yields 24 per cent of total tax revenues, compared with 29 per cent in 1978-79. In the same period the share of VAT has risen from 7.8 per cent to 16.9 per cent.

☐ Tobacco and alcohol duties have fallen from 7.2 per cent of all taxes in 1978-79 to 4.8 per cent in 1997-98.

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20p when resources allow. Introduce transferable personal allowances for married couples with children and nonworking spouse. This new marriage allowance will take priority over reductions in standard rate.

Tax allowances: no specific commitments have been made on mortgage relief, suggesting that it could continue to be whittled away as it has been since 1979.

Capital gains: long-term aspiration to abolish capital gains tax and inheritance tax but no progress towards either goal. Both take lower priority than income tax cuts and new marriage relief. Given pressure on public finances, not much hope of progress in next Parliament.

VAT: no plans to raise or extend, but no

Corporation tax: no windfall tax, but changes in advance corporation tax as likely as under Labour, Norman Lamont and Kenneth Clarke have already taken a bite, and Treasury appetite seems to be

LABOUR

Income tax: no increase in tax rates. Longterm aspiration to introduce 10 per cent band for those on lower incomes. National Insurance unlikely to be raised, but no manifesto promise

VAT: firm promises of cut on domestic fuel. no increase in general rate, and no extension to food, books, newspapers, public transport and children's clothes. Indications that VAT will not be extended to private school fees, but no manifesto

Corporation tax windfall tax of £5 billion to £10 billion on privatised utilities. Changes in advance corporation tax widely

Capital gains: Labour will consider a lower rate of capital gains for long-term investments, but this is not promised as a

ances: no specific commitments. meaning that mortgage relief could be reduced further. Labour rejects the Conallowances for married couples with

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

income tax: increase the standard rate from 23 to 24 per cent to finance an extra (2 billion a year in education spending. Top rate increased from 40 to 50 per cent. Personal allowance raised by £200 to take 500,000 poorer people out of the income-tax net. Liberal Democrats believe that the hetter-off are prepared to pay higher taxes if they know where the money is going. National Audit Office to prepare annual report, certifying that the extra penny on tax is not diverted from education and is being efficiently spent.

VAT: cut on energy conservation materials to \$ per cent.

Motoring and energy taxes: higher fuel duties, offset by reduction in vehicle excise duty for small-engined cars. Other energy and pollution taxes likely. Manifesto commitment to "begin a long-term shift in taxation, reducing taxes on jobs, wealth and goods and shifting them to pollution and resource depletion".

Tobacco duties: extra 5p per packet, earmarked to pay for additional health

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Sears to detail exit and sell-off

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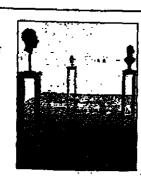
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BUSINESS EDITOR Patience Wheatcroft

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Windfalls credited for boosting consumer confidence

By Philip Bassett INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE "feel-good" factor has hit a tenyear high but consumers are crediting building society windfall payments rather than the Government for the surge in confidence, a new survey finds today.

Business Strategies, whose direc-tor Bridget Rosewall is one of the Chancellor's panel of independent

Sears to

detail

Strong

exit and

CITY EDITOR

SEARS is to demerge its

will be revealed this morn-

likely to be news of the

appointment of an outsid-

er to help Sears to extricate

itself from its shoe retail-

group in June. Speculation over his future has been rampant as details of the

group's dismal performance has leaked out.

Today Sir Bob Reid, chair-

man, will report that prof-

its for the year to January

have sunk from £100 mil-

lion to less than £80 mil-

lion. The major problem is the shoe business, but

Freemans, the mail order

company, is also signifi-

not as radical as some City

pundits had boped. While Seliridges is to be demerged, the group will not make an immediate

exit from its loss-making

shoe chains. Instead, it is

likely to bring in a com-

pany doctor to preside over

the exit at the least possible

The company will argue

that with this structure in

place, there will no longer

be a need for a chief

executive at the centre.

Prospects of a £500,000

payoff to Mr Strong, who

is on a two-year contract, are likely to arouse criti-

cism from shareholders

who have seen the value of

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The new Sears strategy is

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Mr Strong will leave the

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economic advisers, says that its consumer survey shows the highest levels of consumer confidence in the UK since 1987.

its overall consumer confidence index shows a net balance of 24 per cent of consumers optimistic about the next 12 months. The index shows that optimism has now risen in seven out of the last eight quarters the longest sustained increase in confidence since the mid-1980s.

But it suggests that the principal reason behind the surge is windfall payments from the flotation and conversion of a number of building societies and insurance companies, which will see consumers reap a [2] billion windfall.

David Fell, a director at Business Strategies, says: "The 'feel-good' factor is being put down to the windfall gains and consumers are not seeing the Government as being

responsible for these windfall gains. Consumers are very cynical in that they see this as nothing do with the Government."

Business Strategies says that other factors which have led to an acceleration in confidence among consumers include falling unemnloyment and tax cuts. The positive benefit of these changes is outweighing consumer fears about increases in inflation and

interest rates and the outcome of this week's general election. Its economists say that their evidence shows the economy to be doing better than at any time since the 1980s boom, but they insist that this is not an "unsustainable boom to be followed by a calamitous bust".

The survey suggests that consumers are still concerned about the outlook for housing, employment security and the impact of windfall

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Hambros

report

BY JASON NISSE

action against the bank and its

director, Peter Large. Both regulators are con-

cerned about the use of confi-

dential information belonging to the Co-operative Wholesale

Society in framing the bid. Any

action would be taken jointly

and sanctions could include a

fine for Mr Large or Hambros

and a possible suspension

ralian brewer, who last year

was acquitted of fraud charges

from the SFA for Mr Large.

gains and "still have their feet on the brake pedal". However, the consultancy is forecasting a rise in interest rates by the end of this year by a full percentage point to 7 per cent, though it refuses to endorse suggestions from organisations such as the CBI and the British Chambers of Commerce that an incoming government should consider raising taxes as well as examining further

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Halifax to warn members of float **Regulators**

It now seems likely that a higher than expected proportion of the 7.6 million benefi-THE Bank of England and the Securities and Futures Authority have asked for copies of the Norton Rose report into Ham-bros's role in the Galileo affair and may use it as the basis for market debut on June 2.

The Halifax dealing service was set up for those who wished swiftly to sell their holdings. However, members may be discouraged by results of the first week of trading in Alliance & Leicester shares. Some 27 per cent of A&L customers decided to sell, and those using A&L's dealing service pocketed E1,334, while those using other brokers received as

He was formerly a top-rated much as £1,405. stockbroking analyst in paper and packaging, joining Ham-bros less than two years ago If a similar proportion of from Swiss Bank Corporation, where he sat 20 metres from Brian Keelan, the CWS's adviser, in an open-plan office. Mr Large had been with SBC for seven years, having been poached from Hoare Govett, the stockbroker. His departure, with a team of four.

was controversial as he was called back by Hoare's lawyers to answer questions about confidential information that for share certificates would further increase pressure. may have been taken when he left. Mr Large denies taking anything belonging to Hoare. At Hoare he advised one of the more colourful business-men to operate in the UK, John Elliot, of Elders IXL, the Aust-

to do with his time at Elders. At SBC he worked for an even more colourful bidder, Robert Maxwell, advising the late publisher on the sale of Pergamon Press, the cornerstone of the Maxwell empire.

dangers By Anne Ashworth THE Halifax will this week warn customers of the dan-

gers of bypassing its free share-dealing service in the hope of making a larger profit. ciaries of the £12 billion flotation may request share certificates in order to sell through stockbrokers. It is feared that this could imperil the smooth running of the Halifax's stock

Halifax customers opt to take the money, two million people would be trying to deal at about the same time. It is feared that this would put private client stockbrokers under unbearable strain. Concern has been expressed over the ability of Crest, the already overstretched new system for share deals, to cope with this year's £22 billion building society share bonanza. Extra requests

The Halifax yesterday pointed out that customers opting for share certificates and disposing of their holdings through other stockbrokers would not be covered by the "floor" price of 415p an-nounced yesterday. This floor price will apply only to those selling through the Halifax dealing service on June 2, or in the first auction to institution-

al investors, on May 30. Analysts say the Halifax price may range from 450p to

Leeds Utd chief quits over loss of confidence

By Jason Nissé

ROBIN LAUNDERS, chief executive of Leeds United, yesterday resigned less than nine months after taking the job when he was told the board of Caspian. Leeds parent company, had lost confidence in him.

His departure followed a meeting yesterday morning with Chris Akers, the former corporate financier who heads Caspian, and Peter McCormick. Leeds's long-standing legal adviser. Mr Launders will receive a pay-off of £150,000.

The fall-out between Caspian and Mr Launders comes at a critical time for Leeds United. It is trying to win the contract to develop the land next to its ground at Elland Road into an indoor arena which will house the Leeds Lasers, the ice hockey team being launched by Caspian.

However, it is believed that Leeds City Council may favour a rival bid from StradiVarious, a stadium development group led by Patrick Nally.

Recently Mr Launders has stopped attending meetings of the Premier League, with Mr Akers turning up instead. The League is in the early stages of deciding what it will do with pay-per-view television coverage of football, which is expecteď bring as much as £2.5 billion into the game each year.

Leeds United has been seen as a radical voice in these discussions, and has talked about putting coverage of matches on the Internet on a pay-perview or pay-per-listen hasis.

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City firms apologise for role in failed Regan bid

sell-off By Sarah Cunningham TWO leading City in-BY PATIENCE WHEATCROFT

stitutions yesterday made unprecedented apologies to the Co-operative Wholesale Society over their role in Andrew Regan's abortive takeover attempt.

Hambros, the merchant

Selfridges department store business. The plan ing, along with details of bank, and Travers Smith the long-rumoured depar-ture of Liam Strong, chief Braithwaite, the solicitors, settled out of court with the CWS, issuing unreserved apologies executive. There is also and agreeing to pay damages believed to exceed £1 million.

Hambros, after consulting the Securities and Futures Authority and the Bank of England, appointed Norton Rose, the solicitors, to conduct

The CWS is continuing to pursue its legal action and claims for damages against Mr Regan, 31, his business partner David Lyons, their companies Lanica Trust and Galileo, and Allan Green, the former CWS executive who has admitted to giving then numerous commercially sensitive documents. No further out-of-court settlements are expected.

Both Hambros and Travers Smith Braithwaite resigned yesterday as advisers to Lanica and Galileo. An increasingly isolated Mr Regan also lost the services of Lowe Bell, the public relations firm headed by Sir Tim Bell.

Peter Large and Andrew Salmon, the two Hambros corporate finance directors who acted for Mr Regan, are continuing to work for the bank, a spokesman said.

In a separate development, Ronald Zimet, the Anglo-Israeli businessman at the centre of a mysterious payment made during an earlier deal between CWS and Mr Regan's companies, resigned yesterday as chairman of the

be in The Netherlands, has declined to comment on the role he played in arranging the extension of a contract between CWS and Hobson, a food company owned by Mr



Regan, for which he was paid £2.4 million through a British Virgin Islands company, Trellis International. CWS have asked the Serious Fraud Office to investigate the payment.

The resignation from AIM-listed Freepages. Mr Zimet, who is believed to Freepages severs Mr Zemit's only known connection with British business. A spokesman for Freepages said Mr Zimet was worried the publicity surrounding him was hitting the company's share

In his letter to Graham Melmoth, chief executive of CWS, Sir Chips Keswick, chairman of Hambros Bank, wrote: "Regretfully, I have to say that it is quite clear to me the judgment exercised in Hambros proceeding in the way that it did fell below our standards and those which you were entitled to expect from us. The purpose of this letter is to offer my personal, and the bank's, unreserved apology and to assure you that

we are taking the appropriate action to ensure tht this will not happen again."

Alan Keat, the senior part-ner of Travers Smith Braithwaite, wrote to Mr Melmoth: "We regret that we were recipients of documents confidential to CWS and accept that our conduct did not accord with the standards which we set ourselves."

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BSM takes a wrong turning over tests

SHARES of BSM skidded by 27 per cent yesterday after the driving school company blamed the new written driving tests and severe January weather for a reverse in profits.

BSM said students were staying at home until they had passed the written test, leading to a 54 per cent drop in applications for the practical test. To adapt to the reduced levels of

demand, the company is closing 18 of

save £1 million a year — a reversal of the expansion drive put into action four years ago. It will end the restructuring with almost the same number of centres it had in 1993.

Richard Glover, the chief executive, said that the market had not shrunk, but was going through a temporary reduction which would correct itself later in the year.

He said: "We misread the extent to

which people would decide to get the

its 154 branches as part of a plan to save £1 million a year — a reversal of practical course. Our share of the market has risen, but after this artificial barrier, the market as a whole has gone down. We are still sure the market will bounce back, but there's no indication of that happening yet.

He added that outlets being closed were in mostly in the areas where additional new ones had opened. allowing tuition to carry on without disruption. Also, he said applications for provisional licences - the main

indicator of the pool of learner drivers

had only fallen by 15 per cent. The company does not profit from the theory test, which is being conducted by Capita, the services group, but can only make money from selling its range of study aids.

The company's shares, which have been steadily falling from 200p since September, dropped a further 38p to a new low of 10312 p yesterday.

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Glover: misread signs

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Computer hitch hits drive for electricity choice

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to enable domestic consumers to shop around for electricity have hit a fresh obstacle after computer hitches in the power trading market that will co-ordinate the scheme. The problems could mean a delay to the proposed launch on April 1 1998.

The software problems in the electricity pool which governs trading arrangements involve systems to estimate consumer consumption. The package will now be delivered

Novice

investors

given

warning

by Fed

FROM RICHARD THOMSON

IN NEW YORK

AS PRIVATE investors

continue to pour into the

US stock market in record numbers, the central bank has launched an unprece-dented advertising cam-

paign to warn novice investors that they could

The Federal Reserve

Board is placing adverts

on television and in news-

papers, pointing out that

investments in mutual

funds (the US equivalent of unit trusts) are not insured by the Federal

Deposit Insurance scheme

the way bank deposits are.

The message is that if mutual funds lose money

in a market crash, there is

no back-up fund to ensure

that investors do not lose

everything. If the money is

lost, it's gone for good. If a

bank goes bust, however, depositors will receive at

least a proportion of their money back from the offi-

dreds of billions of dollars

of private investors' cash

flooding into the stock

market has been driving

up share prices over the

last two years. But Alan

Greenspan, the Fed Chair-

man, is becoming increas-

ingly worried that the

The level of investor

ignorance about stock

market investing is star-

tlingly high. According to

a recent survey by the Commission, the US mar-

ket watchdog, 28 per cent

of mutual fund investors

think their money is in-

sured by an official fund.

They believe, in effect, that

they cannot lose their

money. Another 36 per

cent thinks that if they buy

mutual fund investments through a stockbroker.

they are also insured. Nei-

The fact that the Fed is

putting out the advertisements indicates the seri-

ousness with which the authorities view the prob-

lem. The Fed usually only

gets involved in market

matters if it believes there

is a systemic risk threaten-

Mr Greenspan is known

to fear that a stock market

crash now, unlike the 1987

crash, could cause pro-

found damage to the un-

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lose all their money.

weeks late, making implementation of the said that the timetable had slipped so much that programme perilously tight. Advisers to the delay should be considered. It said: "Given that programme perilously tight. Advisers to the regulator are looking at knock-on effects throughout the industry.

A pool spokesman said: "It will mean a delay for the rest of the industry, for the interfacing of systems. But what we don't know is the impact on the April I deadline. That should be clearer next week." He said that putting back the start-up date could be recommended by advisers who are expected to report in the next few days.

The setback has emerged just weeks after the Commons Trade and Industry Select Committee

[electricity companies] will have had eight years' notice since vesting, this progress is substantially less than we would have expected . 12 months before implementation."

Privately, many companies say that not all systems will be in place by the deadline and that there will be no time to do tests. The regulator has already agreed to phased introduction of competition, overturning the original plan to implement competition nationwide. It is thought that a Labour government would consider delaying full competition rather than risk the administrative nightmare that followed introduction of competition to the industrial electricity market three years ago.

Regional electricity companies have been told of the delay to the pool's £50 million scheme and are calculating how it will affect their developments. It will hinder establishment of their own systems to deliver competition and may add to cost, a contentious issue. The companies are at odds with the regulator over the cost of the project: the watchdog puts it at £210 million, but some electricity chiefs say £500 million.



Graham Wallace, CWC chief executive, right, and Nicholas Mearing-Smith, finance director, as the company's shares began trading yesterday

Unit trust Pep sales set £1.1bn record in March

A LAST-MINUTE rush to beat the taxman, perhaps fuelled by the prospect of a Labour government, helped unit trust providers to boost personal equity plan sales in March to El.I billion, a record for any month.

In the latest tax year, unit trust Pep sales exceeded £6.2 billion, a rise of 43 per cent on the previous year's total of £4.3 billion, according to figures published yesterday by the Association of Unit Trusts and

In the first few days of this month, leading up to the April end of the tax year, unit trust groups took in E797 million of ep money.

Autif said that net unit trust Pep sales in March were £56 million higher than in April last year, taking the figure for the first quarter of 1997 to a net £1.9 billion. This was slightly below the record £2 billion in the second quarter of 1996.

Overall, however, net new investment in 1,677 unit trusts fell by £2.8 million in March, compared with February's £1.4 billion. This is still considerably higher than the same month last year, when unit trust net investment was £972.2 million. Total funds

£140.5 billion in February. The number of unitholder accounts rose to 8.4 million last month, from 8.2 million in February and 7 million in

March of last year. The most popular destina-

£140.6 billion in March, from

tions for Pep investors' money last month were UK Growth and UK Growth and Income trusts. Europe Pep funds also proved popular, with total net sales of £118 million. In the past 12 months, Europe Pep sales have doubled as a proportion of the Pep market. Corporate bond Pep sales reached £191 million in March, the highest figure for

11 months. Philip Warland, of Autif. reach new heights. Sales just for the month of March were on a par with the total for the whole of 1992. The growth in the number of regular savings plan holders shows that the use of unit trusts is becoming

part of the nation's savings

habits. Investors need transparent, simple investment products with good performance, and unit trust Peps are able to match these needs perfectly.

City institutions and pen-sion funds showed less of an appetite for unit trusts than did private investors. Autif figures show that institutional sales in March fell by £596 million, from £897 million to £301 million.

institutions injected nearly 40 per cent of the total into the International Growth sector. and Europe fell out of favour. with a net E45 million flowing out of Europe unit trusts.

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Lacklustre opening for **CWC** shares

CABLE and Wireless Communications, the new phone and cable group, got off to a lacklustre start yesterday when the shares opened and closed at virtually the same price (Eric Reguly writes).

The shares opened simultaneously on the London and New York stock exchanges at 299p, rose to 309p and settled back to finish at 2992p. The price fell within analysts' forecasts and valued the company at about £4.5 billion.

CWC was formed from the merger of Mercury Communications and the Nynex, Bell CableMedia and Videotron cable companies. C&W owns 53 per cent of the group. CWC FT-SE 100 index because of its small free float - only 14.7 per cent is held by public investors - and because it is majority owned by a FT-SE 100 company.

Echostar Mulcahy pay tops deal may £1m at Kingfisher founder

By Sarah Cunningham

SIR Geoffrey Mulcahy, chief executive of the Kingfisher retailing group, saw his pay rise above £1 million again

He was paid a total of El.266 million, compared with £999,000 a year earlier. In the year to February 1, he received £640,000 basic salary, £38,000 in benefits, an annual bonus of E325,000 and long-term incentive payment of £219,000. His pen-

sion payments were £61,000. Kingfisher, which owns the Woolworths, B&Q and Comet chains, enjoyed good trading and profits last year. In 1995, when the group reported its first ever fall in profits, Sir Geoffrey decided to forgo his long-term bonus, which was worth about £178,306. A year earlier, his pay level peaked at around

Jim Hodkinson, the head of B&Q, the DIY arm, who

£1.3 million.



Mulcahy: bonus

was rumoured last year to have argued with Sir Geoffrey but who has since seen B&Q through a remarkable revival. earned £766,000 last year compared with £480,000 a year earlier.

The company maintained its traditional support for the Conservative Party, donating £25,000 last year, the same amount as a year earlier.

By ERIC REGULY

ECHOSTAR, the American day said a \$1 billion TV alliance with The News Corporation, parent company of The Times, may be in jeopardy. It said News Corp may

abandon plans to join forces with Echostar unless Echo-star committed itself to using a News Corp "conditional access" system for the satellite broadcasts. Such systems ensure that only paid-up subscribers have access to the channels. Echostar said News Corp

had delayed regulatory fil-ings related to the alliance. "A new timetable for regulatory filings has not been set. There can be no assurance that News Corp will pro-ceed." A News Corp spokesman said: "There are a number of business issues to be negotiated." He said News Corp had not delayed regulatory filings.

Mortgage lending figures disappoint

By ADAM JONES

UK BANKS arranged fewer new mortgages than expected last month, emphasising the patchiness of the housing recovery. The British Bankers' Association (BBA) said the major banks made gross loans of £2.175 million in March, just one per cent more than in February. traditionally a much weaker month.

Tim Sweeney, BBA directorgeneral, said March was disappointing across the mortgage lending industry. including building societies. He said: "It may be that overall demand for mortgage finance has been restrained somewhat by concerns over future interest rate movements and uncertainties relat-

ed to the election." Mr Sweeney said that a shortage of property in popular areas may also be a factor. This has been a problem in some parts of London and the South East in particular. In those areas of the country a lack of suitable houses and flats has led to rapidly inflating values and frustrated

Seasonally adjusted figures showed that net lending grew by £755 million from February to March, compared with £780 million from January to February. Taken as a whole, the first three months of the year saw 16 per cent more net lending than the last quarter of 1996. The number of new mortgage approvals rose from 34,529 to 39,642 in March.

The average new mortgage was £58,300, 7 per cent higher than at the same time last

The BBA figures should be welled next month by the inclusion of the Alliance & Leicester. This year's early Easter, a popular time for house hunting, could also increase new mortgage ap-

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Warning to banks on stolen US bonds

THE City of London's most senior fraud squad officer has given a warning to banks to be on the lookout for \$111 billion of American bonds, stolen from Citibank ten years ago. which have begun to resurface in European capitals. Detective Superintendent Jerry Ohlson, head of the City of London Police fraud squad, said that two stolen bonds with a face value of \$5 million had been presented in London twice-

Mr Ohlson, who headed the Serious Fraud Office investigation into the Barings affair, said: "Fortunately ourbanking systems proved robust enough to pick up the anempted transactions at a very early stage. Nevertheless we cannot afford to be complacent and we should be on the lookout for any further attempts to pass off these stolen bonds." The bonds were originally stolen by the Mafia from a wastepaper recycling company in New Jersey where they had Dirty money, page 33 been sent for destruction.

Funding for M6 project

AN ES2 million loan to help to modernise 25 miles of the M6 between Glasgow and Carlisle was announced by the European Investment Bank. The EIB, the EU's long-term lending arm, is backing the project because of its importance in the Brussels grand plan for a network of trans-European road and rail links. The 25-year loan goes to Autolink Concessionaires, the private company that has won the M6 development contract from the Scottish Office. Work on the 25-mile section will complete the enlargement of all 65 miles of motorway between Glasgow and Carlisle to three lanes.

NU denies float rumours

NORWICH UNION, the insurer, has dismissed reports that it has chosen June to as the date of its £5 billion flotation. A spokeswoman said: "It's speculation. We certainly haven't released that date, although we have said it will be June. The Halifax Building Society is scheduled to float on June 2. Norwich Union's stock market debut will bring windfall payments worth an average of £1,000 to about three million policyholders. Norwich Union received High Court approval for the flotation last week. More than 1.8 million people voted in favour of the proposals.

Equity & Law sales up

AXA Equity and Law, the insurer, had strong first-quarter sales, with group personal pension business up 21 per cent. Individual investment business rose 26 per cent in the quarter. compared with the 1996 first quarter. The insurer is making changes to boost sales and productivity, including plans for new Peps and annuities, and a scheme to reduce compliance checks on policies. Mark Wood, chief executive, said the changes were not a short-term way to attract a buyer, but ways to build on "very successful first-quarter sales". A planned purchase by Sun Life has been stalled by some shareholders.

Hepworth chief's payoff

JOHN CARTER, who resigned as chief executive of Hepworth, the building materials group, last week, could be in line for a maximum payoff of ESS0.000 under the terms of his contract. Mr Carter, who had a two-year rolling contract, received a basic salary of £274,000. Hepworth, which was keen to emphasise the amicable nature of Mr Carter's departure, said his severance pay had yet to be finalised. The accounts show that he was paid E562,000 last year, which included a one-off fee of £248,000 struck after an agreement to extend a restrictive covenant contained in his service agreement and for consultancy services.

Lessels steps down

NORMAN LESSELS, the chairman of Standard Life, Europe's largest mutual life office, yesterday resigned from the board of Bank of Scotland after the insurer confirmed that it has applied to the Bank of England for a banking licence. A spokesman for BoS said: "There is a potential conflict of interest and in the highest standards of Scottish business life Mr Lessels has resigned as a director of the bank." BoS will, however, continue to sell Standard Life-branded pension and savings products.

Double for Boeing

BOEING has more than doubled profits and increased sales by 70 per cent since completing the acquisition of Rockwell International's defence and aerospace business in December. Boeing earned \$313 million in the first quater of 1997 compared with \$119 million last year. Revenue grew to \$7.32 hillion (\$4.29 billion) after the take-off of demand in the aviation sector. Boeing also made \$04 million from an accounting change at an employee-benefit trust fund. A total of 68 aircraft were delivered during the quarter, up from 40.

Alexandra to shed staff

ALEXANDRA WORKWEAR, the Scottish uniforms and overalls supplier, has turned to Morocco as part of the retreat from its native market in favour of imports from Africa and the Far East. The company has offered redundancy packages to the GIXI-strong workforce in Scotland, and says it will start to lay people off if acceptances are not forthcoming. Its profits plunged from E5.3 million to E1.1 million in the year to February 1, reducing earnings to 2.2p a share from 10.3p. The total dividend is held at 0.5p a share, with a 4p final.

Slow start hits Vega

SHARES of Vega dropped to a 12-month low yesterday as the computer systems group gave warning that it had suffered a slow start to the year and was on course to return stagnant pre-tax profits of £3.4 million at the year end. The cautious statement upstaged news of a £6 million training contract with the RAF, and the £5.5 million acquisition of CBL Technology, a training centre which runs from Bristol and Derby. CBL last turned in profits of £404,000 on sales of £1.7 million. Vega's shares closed 712 p down at 27212 p.

Conservatives claim consumers will pay for planned windfall policy on utilities

Cost of Labour energy tax put at £5 a week

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR'S planned energy taxes would cost the average household £5 a week, the Conservative Party claimed yesterday.

William Waldegrave, chief secretary to the Treasury, said the windfall tax on utilities would wipe out the benefits of a reduction in VAT on fuel and put extra costs on consumers

His calculations are based on 25 per cent of a £5 billion windfall tax being passed on to customers through higher

The figures were dismissed by the Shadow Chancellor's office but they echo fears raised recently by the Institute of Fiscal Studies and the electricity regula-Committee that he would listen to price

tor over higher utility charges stemming from a windfall tax.

Labour has not given details of the amount likely to be levied, nor has it specified which companies will be hit by a windfall tax. But the Tories claim that likely charges on the electricity companies and British Gas -- which is now two companies - would mean a £24 increase for a household, while Labour's reduction of VAT on fuel from 8 per cent to 5 per cent would save £18.72p.

Water companies have been excluded from Tory calculations, although they. too, face a windfall levy.

Raising prices would need regulatory approval but the electricity regulator told a Commons Trade and Industry Select

arguments stemming from the windfall tax. The gas regulator has also con-demned the windfall tax and called for Centrica. the supply half of the old British Gas, to be exempt.

An aide to Gordon Brown said: Everyone knows prices will not go up because of the windfall cax. Even the regulator has said so." A Conservative spokesman said that the party's estimates were generous to Labour.

The IFS last month warned that the windfall tax could mean higher prices for customers and throw a cloud over employment prospects in the companies. Lucy Chennells, senior research economist at the IFS said although the levy would be imposed on companies "people pay the tax in the end."



William Waldegrave: higher prices for householders

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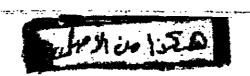
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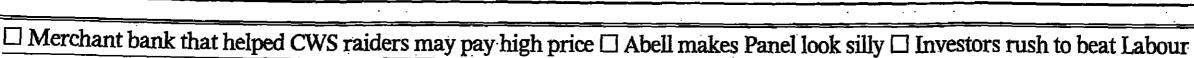


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THE apology by Hambros to the CWS could not have been more fulsome. It will not, however, do anything to restore the damage done to the bank by its involvement in the extraordinary fiasco precipitated by the am-

bitions of Andrew Regan. Neither will the stable-door closing exercise of bringing in solicitors Norton Rose to investigate the bank's role in the proceedings. Their findings may point the im-ger at those individuals who were guilty of misconduct, but those names have already been put in the frame by the righteously indignant Graham Melmoth and his CWS colleagues.

Blame cannot be confined to those at Hambros, led by Peter Large, who were in the front line of the bid. The bank's top management is guilty of the second worst sin in merchant banking. The first is to lose a lot of money; only slightly less dreadful, but potentially more damaging is the less tially more damaging in the long term, is to display lack of judgment. That is just what Hambros has done. There were enough doubts in the City about the credentials of Mr Regan and his entourage for top brass at the bank to be wary of joining his gang. The decision to do so would not have been taken without the knowledge and appropriate the knowledge, and approval, of the bank's bosses. Having taken that dubious decision, they should have been watching for the first

Hambros cops the Co-op rap signs of anything going awry, and have been ready to order a

rapid, face saving, exit. Yesterday's mood of mea culpa comes too late. It will only add ammunition to those who believe that Hambros needs a drastic shake-up. Last year Hong Kong-based Jim Mellon bought a 3 per cent stake in the business and started calling for change. His Regent Pacific investment business glories in being dubbed a vulture fund.
That should have given the
board an sign that they might
have to alter their comfortable existence if they were to survive. Instead, they rejected Mr Mel-

lon's break-up proposals. Now they may have to consider them again, for its latest indiscretions make Hambros look extremely vulnerable. For a start, it may like to rethink the decision to replace the plans for effectively crowning Sir Chips Keswick as both chairman and chief executive this summer. When Lord Hambro retires, Sir Chips, now chief executive of the group will succeed him and his own role will vanish.

Hambros was a once great

money out of estate agency than merchant banking. Little more than a decade ago, it was in the same league as Schroders, but astute management has seen the latter soar in stature, and profits, while Hambros has dwindled. Hambros itself needs new blood and new ideas, but not from the likes of Andrew Regan. Deputy chairman Christopher Sporborg recently revealed: "My motto in all things has always been to expect the worst and hope for the best." In the Co-op affair, Ham-bros should have expected the worst, and now seems likely to experience just that.

City name, but now makes more

A very private concert party

☐ FOR more than 30 years a collection of merchant bankers and lawyers, known as the Takeover Panel, has practised its dictatorship over one aspect of the City's activities. It is not perfect, but by comparison with most efforts at self-regulation, it does not do badly. The executive will make a decision and if P*ENNINGTON*



principals do not like it, they can appeal to the full Panel. And if

the full Panel's decision is un-welcome, that is tough.

There have been questionable decisions. Ask employees of Northern Electric, which was delivered into the hands of American raiders when the Panel extended the bid after an indescretion by Barclays de Zoete Wedd. Its latest ruling on Thomas Jourdan defies belief.
The Panel has decided that

David Abell, the former head of Suter, was not in a concert party with his former financial advisor, Roger Devlin, and the Crutch family when they built up a combined 39 per cent stake in Jourdan, maker of the Corby trouser press. If Abell, Devlin and Crutch had been in a concert party, then the Panel would have forced them to make a bid.

The Panel has now ruled that, as Devlin and co have recently decided to support Abell's at-tempts to be appointed to Jour-dan's board, they are now in a concert party with Abell. This means Abell, who the Department of Trade and Industry once found not guilty of organising illegal concert parties, is not allowed to buy any more shares. He does not need to do so. At the extraordinary general meet-ing next month, it would take an almost unheard of combined effort by other shareholders to

block the way for Abell and his friends. The reason why the Panel makes the bidding threshhold 29.9 per cent is that anything above that gives effective control if shares are widely held. The Panel clearly has made a mistake. In this case it can do nothing about it. But it should change its rules so that if shareholders combine to form a concert party after taking their stake above 29.9 per cent, they have to make a bid at the price at

which they most recently bought

shares. This would stop the sort of back door takeover which Abell is almost certain to perform at Jourdan.

Trust stampede shows distrust

DO VOTERS believe Labour's Tory lookalike policies?
Judging from that usually reliable indicator, the feet vote, legions of small investors do not.

Conveniently, the election was called just before the end of the financial year. This set off a stampede to buy personal equity plans while stocks lasted. On paper, Labour is pledged to keep Peps. Investors took no chances. in the last five days of the old fiscal year, investors bought a net £800 million of unit-linked Peps alone, according to the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds: more than an eighth of the year's sales. As many are addicted to last-minute Pep-buying as to buying presents on Christmas Eve. But this year's election-bearing five-day Pep rush was comfortably more than double the £366 million in April

1996, itself by a long way the previous record. In the wake of that self-generated rush, customers are being encouraged to take up their 1997-98 Peps before a Gordon Brown Budget.

Investors were hardly chasing a UK boom. The Bank of England had no need to tell them they could lose their shirts, as the US Federal Reserve plans to do. Most pundits forecast 1997 to be poor for shares. By the start of April they had fallen 5 per cent from a March 11 peak. Significantly, sales of European funds jumped 150 per cent in spite of the Morgan Grenfell affair.

Evidently, investors fear that the unspecified "improvements" that Labour promises for Peps will prove another case of better

Euro riddle

Former chief stirs

up boardroom

row at Premier

By Carl Mortished

☐ PUZZLE: the International Monetary Fund, scourge of bud-get deficits and fan of strong currencies, has just forecast that none of the top five EU economies will meet the Maastricht budgetary test for membership of a single currency. Yet IMF officials repeatedly emphasise that starting the euro on time is vital "to end uncertainty". Explanation: Michel Camdessus, suitably reluctant French candidate to head the European Central Bank, is IMF Secretary-General.

Spending worries hit shares in Chiro

BY PAUL DURMAN

SHARES in Chiroscience, one of the UK's largest biotechnology companies, lost nearly 5 per cent of their value yesterday in the face of an upbeat annual results statement.

While Chiroscience reported "excellent progress" with its local anaesthetic, its molecule manufacturing business and its recent acquisition of Darwin Molecular of Seattle, the City focused instead on the level of ongoing spending. Its

shares fell 172 p to 335p. Spending on research and development increased by 84 per cent to £22.2 million in the year to February 28, pushing losses up from £11.6 million to £18.7 million. These figures were higher than most ana-

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lysts had forecast. One reason was the level of spending on levobupivacaine, the local anaesthetic, which Chiroscience believes has the potential to hit sales of \$1 billion a year. Levobupivacaine is an improved version of an existing Astra drug, which sometimes causes convulsions or heart problems. The Chiroscience drug is now



A RESCUE plan for Bell

Lines, the troubled freight

group based in the Republic of

Ireland, is to be presented to

creditors this week and put

before a Dublin court for

The package, drawn up by

an examiner appointed in

February by the Irish High

Court, is believed to involve a

debt write-off, the injection of

up to IrE5 million in capital

approval next Monday.

in extensive phase 3 trials, and the company hopes to file to register the product at the end of this year.

John Padfield, Chiroscience's chief executive, said levobupivacaine has a wide range of possible uses, includ-ing relief of post-operative pain and in eye surgery.

Dr Padfield said the acquisi-

tion of Darwin had already given Chiroscience important insights into the behaviour of its matrix metalloproteinase (MMP) inhibitors, a class of arthritis and cancer drugs. Chiroscience hopes to produce a cancer drug with fewer side effects than marimastat. British Biotech's highly rated MMP inhibitor. Chiroscience intends to give a full scientific update on this and other

projects at the end of May. ChiroTech, the group's business that makes single isomer compounds for other drug companies, made its first profit of £1.2 million, improving from a £900,000 loss in the previous year. Sales rose strongly from £3.4 million to £9.2 million, helped by one of its customer entering phase 3 trials on one of its drugs.

This was the first time Chiroscience had split out Chiro-Tech's results separately. British Biotech and Celltech both eventually sold their thirdparty manufacturing busi-nesses, and Dr Padfield hinted that Chiroscience may eventually make a similar move.

Chiroscience said the Stevenage pilot manufacturing plant that it bought last year was aiready demonstrating value in producing material for clinical trials.

Bell Lines rescue plan ready

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

tors, who are owed around

Ir £17 million, will be offered

pound. Trade creditors, who

are owed IrE8 million, should

Of the proposed job losses.

70 will be in the Republic with

the remainder coming from

operations in Britain, The

Netherlands, France and

Germany. Bell, which record-

ed trading losses of IrE6

million last year, was badly hit

receive 1r20p in the pound.

between Ir30p to Ir40p in the

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Pub chain sold for £11m

By Alasdair Murray

GERALD and Ann Richardson will collect about £4 million after selling their pub chain to Surrey Free Inns for £U.35 million yesterday. The Richardsons own one

third of Richardson luns, which operates eight pubs, including a series of large cafe bars in the City of London and For Your Eyes Only, the UK's largest table-dancing venue.
The remainder of the com-

pany is controlled by Whitbread, which also owns a

It is expected that Irish Con-

tinental Group, the shipping

company with a 25 per cent

stake in Bell, will lead a

consortium of investors who

will inject Ir £5 million into the

company immediately as part

It is still not clear whether

venture capital funds - Nat-

West Ventures and CVC Capi-

tal Partners each owned a 30

per cent stake in Bell - will be

part of the new investment

of the restructuring plan.

4.5 per cent stake in Surrey Free Inns. Mr Richardson will join the board of Surrey Free Inns as an executive director and will invest El

million in its shares. Surrey Free Inns. which now operates 35 sites, said the purchase would improve operating efficiencies and buying power. It predicted that the acquisition would be earnings enhancing, adding about ELS million in profits in the first full year. Surrey is funding the purchase with a £12 million rights issue, offering one new share for every eight

existing shares at 420p.

The company added that it will review the position of For Your Eyes Only with a view to selling the premises. Surrey made profits of £1.56 million on turnover of £10.7 million in the 36 weeks to February 9. Shares in the AIM-listed company, which intends to transfer to the main market in the autumn. closed unchanged at 450p.

Results cheer Grampian

SHARES in Grampian Tele-

vision, the ITV broadcaster in

the north of Scotland, re-

bounded vesterday from their

year low after the company

A strong local advertising

market helped Grampian to make pre-tax profits of £11.8

million, or 25.7p a share, in the

year to February 28, up from

£5.8 million, or 11.6p a share.

Excluding a £4.7 million one-

off gain on selling the Scot FM

radio station, earnings per

reported record earnings.

MGM in \$573m library purchase

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN NEW JERSEY

MGM, the Hollywood studio, is buying Metromedia International's entertainment group and film library for \$573 million. The deal will add Dances With Wolves and The Silence of the Lambs to MGM's library, which in-cludes Midnight Cowboy and the James Bond series.

The transaction involves Metromedia's 2,200-title film and television library and the production and distribution activities of its entertainment group, including Orion Pictures Corp, Goldwyn Entertainment Co and Motion Picture Corp of America. The acquisition more than doubles the size of MGM's library.

MGM, owned by a group of Kerkorian, will also acquire 12 completed movies and five direct-to-video features for future release. Metromedia said that the deal will allow it to focus on its telecommunications business, particularly its expansion in Eastern Europe and the Far East.

The transaction does not include Metromedia's Landmark Theatre Group, which has 138 screens at 50 locations throughout the US.

After the acquisition MGM's combined libraries will consist of more than 3,600 titles, making it the biggest collection of post-1948 movies.

Along with wireless cable TV systems, Metromedia's telecommunications opera-tions include FM and AM radio broadcasting, paging services and various kinds of telephone services in Eastern Europe, former Soviet republics and other emerging markets.

In addition to movies, MGM has a 4,500-title home video library and a television library. Its operating units include MGM Pictures, United Artists Pictures, MGM Music and MGM Interactive. The deal is subject to shareholder approval and is expected to be completed this summer.

share were 14-5p, against

11.6p. A 5.25p final dividend

The shares rose 1712p, to

26312p, after a 12-month low of

24312p last week. Anthony de

Larrinaga, analyst with Pan-

mure Gordon, sees Grampian

as still undervalued, and with

the attraction of being a take-

over target. Scottish Television

is thought the likeliest suitor.

Calum MacLeod, chairman,

said Grampian is investing in

digital broadcasting capability.

makes 7.25p, up from 5.4p.

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MacLeod: digital investment Go-Ahead to board Brighton Bus

By Fraser Nelson

GO-AHEAD, the transport group, is to strengthen its presence in the South East of England by buying Brighton's secondlargest bus company, giving it control over most of the town's public transport.

The company is paying £5.76 million for Brighton Bus, which was bought by its drivers, management and office workers for £320,000 four years ago. It already owns Brighton's Thameslink rail franchise and Brighton & Hove, the town's main bus operator. The company is paying Brighton Bus employees 180p a share. The 250 workers who originally supported the buyout paid 10p a share. Half will miss out on Go-Ahead's offer having sold shares in the in-house market which last valued them at 48p apiece.

The average payout will be £28,800. Ian Butcher, finance director, said the company would dominate public transport in Brighton after the deal, but the

core area may be too small to warrant MMC attention. "We will just have to see how the MMC interpret 'area'. What people forget is that travel companies are competing all the time not just with each other, but with other forms of transport. "We see most of our competition comes

from cars, and we compete by improving value for money. There's a strong argument for having a single dominant operator because it lets you work much more closely with local government."

cent of Premier, might wish to make a bid for the company and he questioned whether Mr Laidlaw should have access to board documents. New setback Mr Shaw intends to cast his 2.77 million shares against the over tobacco re-election of Mr Laidlaw at Wednesday's annual meeting and he said: "If Amerada wants to make an offer, will it

do it in co-operation with management or will they fight it vigorously?" In a letter published in

ROLAND SHAW, the former

chief executive of Premier Oil,

is stirring up a row over an alleged conflict of interest in the presence of Sam Laidlaw,

chairman of Amerada Hess, on the board of Premier. Mr Shaw

yesterday suggested that Amerada, which owns 25 per

today's edition of the Financial Times, Premier's chairman, Barrie Stephens, said that Amerada and Laidlaw were prohibited from voting on any contract be-tween Amerada and Premier. "Premier's rapid growth during the last year, particularly in the highly competitive South East Asian region could not have been achieved against a background of con-

flict of interest." Mr Shaw, who resigned as chief executive in 1992 after a

THE tobacco industry had

another setback in the US courts yesterday when the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal against a Baltimore advertising ban.

two-year decline in the compa ny's share price, said that Premier's interest in Burma

was undervalued by the mar-

ket and he blamed institutions

for failing to address the underperformance.
They run for cover if any-body suggests they should

stand up and be counted," he

Tempus, page 32

A billboard company was challenging the city's ban on tobacco and alcohol advertising in residential areas, but the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, ruled that the constitution allows flexibility on advertising if a ban is made to protect children.

The same court will hear a US Food and Drug Administration case to be allowed to regulate tobacco advertising.

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Late surge fails to restore confidence of investors

SHARE prices were dragged higher to close at their best of the day. But it was a far from convincing performance in thin trading that saw fewer than 700 million shares change hands by the close.

A strong pound, gains of government securities and an Street combined to provide the impetus for a late advance that left the FT-SE 100 index 20.0 up at 4,389.7. It enabled the market to claw back all of Friday's losses but did little to restore investor confidence. There was little genuine retail demand. Investors are proving reluctant to open fresh positions ahead of polling day and Friday's US non-farm payroll numbers.

There was a lukewarm response by institutional investors to first-time dealings in Cable and Wireless Communications, an offshoot of Cable and Wireless, up 72p at 479p, Videotron, Nynex Cablecomms and Bell

The price opened at 300p and touched 306 p before dropping to 2942 p. It later rallied to close 2p cheaper at 20012p as 7.59 million shares were traded. Brokers say fund managers may take to CWC eventually, switching out of the other American cable companies such as Telewest, 14p better at 90p.

But there was a positive response to the news that the Government had decided not to refer the £1.3 billion bid by Williams Holdings for Chubb Security, 222p higher at 4472p, to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Williams rose 15p to 333p.

City speculators moved in on Vickers, up 2½p at 210½p after last week's profits warning. They say the setback for profits leaves the group vulnerable to an unwanted bid from the likes of GKN, down 3p at 9132p. The speculation was no doubt fuelled by recommendations on Vickers from BZW and Hoare Govett. Rival HSBC James Capel is believed to be telling clients that a bid for Vickers is

LucasVarity fell 6p to 1832p after buying back a further 2.5 million of its own shares at 185p. ABN Amro Hoare Govern, the broker, conducted the business.

Hambros saw its price touch 22612p before "apologising unreservedly" to the



Asda proved a bright spot with better than expected trading

Co-operative Wholesale Sociery for its behaviour while acting as an adviser for Andrew Regan. The CWS is now taking legal action against Regan and others but has called off threatened action Hambros which closed 5p better at 242p.

Shares of BSM went into reverse, falling 38p to 103½p, after a warning that profits

be in line with the £1.6 million made in the first six months. Revelation of Piccadilly. the Aim-listed retailer, celebrated its maiden payout with a rise of 2p to 53p. Full-year figures showed a fourfold rise in pre-tax profits with brokers pencilling in £750,000 for the

current year. Alfred McAlpine, up 4p at 16712p, has emerged as the

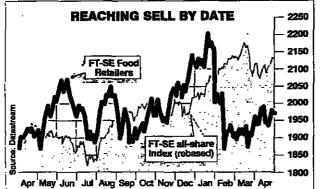
Vulnerable targets are always under attack by the bears and Shield Diagnostics has proved no exception. Yesterday the bears sold it short down to 46212p before the shares closed a net 47'2p off at 480p. The move follows last week's 35p fall in the share price in the wake of reports of share sales by the board.

were likely to plunge to around half last year's level. It blamed the new driving test that includes a written theory test. Many learners have now put off booking tests until they pass the theory side.

Another profits warning left WEW Group nursing a loss of 22p at 162p. The retailer expects second-half profits to be neutral after exceptional gains of E2 million. Profits will

mystery suitor in bid talks with rival Raine. McAlpine revealed its identity in an attempt to play down speculation. It warned the market that any bid for Raine will be at a small premium to the market price of 194 p. up 4 p.

Quality Care responded to news of a bid approach with a rise of 37p to 311p where the company is valued at E43 million. Word is the bidder



Sun Health Care. News of the sharp increase in losses last year at Chiroscience left the shares nursing a fall of 172p at 335p.

The company gave warning that the research and development "cash burn" would be higher than most brokers had been forecasting. It has been a difficult time of late for the food retailers although conditions may start to look up if a Labour government is elected. That is the view of Philip Dorgan, food retailing analyst at Panmure Gordon, the broker. In a review entitled Life Under Labour he concludes that any alterations to corporation tax may prompt the supermarket chains to return spare cash to shareholders rather than open more stores. But he remains neutral on the sector after a period of underperformance.

The one encouraging spot is Asda, 4p easier at 1162p. which Dorgan visited recently ahead of its April year end. Trading has been better than expected and he has lifted his recast from £337 million to £352 million. The figures will include a fifty-third week which should bolster profits by around £7 million.

But William de Winten at Hoare Govett remains cautious about the food retailers and fears margins continue to be eroded. Safeway, unchanged at 3442 p, is said to be vulnerable to margin pressure. Sainsbury firmed 2p to 324p. Tesco eased lp to 363p and Somerfield shed 2p at 1802p. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices in London closed below their best levels of the day reflecting cautious start to trading

among US Treasury bonds. In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt closed Es 16 firmer at El091 16 as a meagre 37,000 contracts were completed. At the longer end of the conventional market. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 put on £716 at £1022532, while at the shorter end Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was three ticks better at £1024.

□ NEW YORK: Technology shares were boosted by news that global unit shipments of personal computers had jumped 16 per cent in the first quarter from a year earlier. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 32.51 points to 6,771.38 at midday.

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Under the ground

CABLE and Wireless Communications is not a pretty stock market debutant. It consists of four companies - Mercury and the Nynex. Bell CableMedia and Videotron cable businesses - whose fortunes have ranged from the mediocre to the disastrous. CWC begins its quoted career with virtually no profits, £1.3 billion in debt and a commitment to spend £2.3 billion over the next two years. Gearing will rise from 51 per cent to 95 per cent and shareholders will be lucky to see a dividend for five years. Finally, CWC has no brand; the Mercury name did not survive the merger.

But there is hope. CWC has enormous potential to grow. The cable networks are only half built; when finished, CWC will have access to six million homes. In an industry where content cannot exist without distribution, this asset could be invaluable. The

trouble is only one in four homes that has access to cable subscribes to the service, CWC needs to double that ratio if it is not to flop.

The key to success in the cable business is improving the range and quality of programming while reducing the cost of content. Hence the need for CWC to renegotiate supply contracts with BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, which provides almost all of CWC's programming. The size of CWC's customer base will give it a powerful negotiating position but the big question is whether CWC. is confident enough to stand up to BSkyB. The risk is that BSkyB refuses to deal on favourable terms, leaving CWC in a mad and costly scramble for alternative programming. A breakthrough on the programming side would give CWC a powerful boost but, in the meantime, there is no hurry to buy.

BSM

NOT so long ago, BSM was rubbing its hands at the prospect of a written driving test but vesterday the directors looked as though their car had run into a lamppost. Last year's "opportunities arising" from the new theory test are now described as an 'unfortunate burden". 'unneccessary barrier" and. in short, the Antichrist on parchment.

BSM, it seems, had become too accustomed to profiting from failure. The stiffer the test, went the logic, the bigger the revenues and BSM splattered the map with new driving centres in anticipation.

Unfortunately, the Driving Standards Agency has required students to pass their written test before applying for the practical test. thereby delaying bookings

with the instructor. Moreover, the bookings compare poorly with last winter's rush to sit the test before the nasty vritten part was introduced.

Irksome, says BSM. but ultimately no big deal. Students are bound to creep out from hehind their books at some point; a question of when rather than if. But if BSM were truly confident.

would it shut down 20 outlets and make noises about cost savings. The share price suggests BSM was building for the boom that ocver was. now shutting shops as quickly as it opened them last year. Investors must conclude that Britain's novicedrivers are truly dim or something is seriously amiss at BSM.

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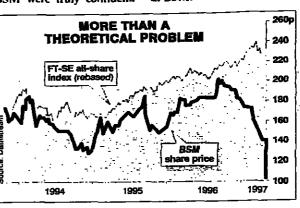
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Premier Oil

HELL HATH no fury like a chief executive scorned. Roland Shaw's very public attack on the composition of the Premier Oil boardroom, in which he once featured large. brings back memories of Tiny Rowland, another man who put his personal stamp on the company that employed him, not always to the liking of institutional shareholders. But behind the allegation of conflict of interest lies the more interesting question of bids.

Premier has been unofficially in play for months. A standstill agreement that kept Amerada's 25 per cent interest in check came to an end last February, arousing speculation that Amerada would sell. In the event. neither has happened and it is worth considering why. Since it acquired its stake, Amerada has been building up its own South East Asian portfolio of oil and gas inter-

ests. The logic of buying out Premier has diminished just as the share price has advanced but, more important, Amerada is an American company and Premier's big stake in Burmese gas is now powerful deterrent to American investors, fearful of the proposed sanctions legislation.

Premier has made a speciality of investing in pariah countries - Albania, Cuba. Burma - a policy that opens doors to interesting deals while closing doors to big investors. Even if Amerada wants to sell, it may find buyers thin on the ground, at least until the US Congress decides how big a stick it wishes to wield against the Burmese generals.

McAlpine/Raine

ALFRED MCALPINE wants to do its bit in the construction industry shake out. For a modest £40 million, it proposes to take over Raine and create a £1 billion business

with strength in housebuilding. It is hard to summon up much enthusiasm for this prospect. Neither company entered negotiations with a strong record. It would he encouraging to see McAlpine make rather more progress at home before trying to sort out someone else's problems.

As for Raine, it has begun to emerge from a dreadful few years. Roy Barber, the mains as chairman, recently handed over the chief executive's role to David Vincent. Mr Barber may feel his job is nearly done, but shareholders have scarcely begun to see what Raine can do. Surely a recovering business with annual sales of almost £400 million should be worth more than £40 million?

No deal is yet agreed, so neither McAlpine nor Raine have had a chance to explain their strategic thinking. It will need to be good.

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ow should you vote if you want to reduce the chances of a single European currency replacing the

Assuming you do not live in a constituency which is winnable by the Referendum Party, the choice seems quite clear. The Times yesterday published a long list of parliamentary candidates unequivocally opposed to the single currency - and the great majority of these were Tories.

The obvious answer is to vote Tory, especially after John Major's sudden decision to offer his party a free vote. But often the obvious is wrong. Anyone who sincerely wants to preserve Britain's economic sovereignty and its democratic system of government, and who values these rights above tribal party loyalties, should vote

I touched on the negative reasons for such a judgment in the Economic View the Friday before

Why voting Labour could be best way to halt an undemocratic bankers' Europe

Major's promise of a free vote had made it more likely than before Europe going ahead at all with a that a Tory government would lead Britain into EMU, since the Prime Minister would be able to rely on cross-party support for European policy, as Ted Heath had done in 1972. Let me now suggest a more important and encouraging reason why a Labour government might be more successful than the Tories in preserving Britain's economic independence — not just in the next parliament, but also in the

There are two critical points. First, that keeping Britain out is only a second-best response to the challenge of EMU. A far better

single currency, at least under anything like the undemocratic structure agreed at Maastricht. Until recently any hope of perabandon the Maastricht process seemed utterly forlorn, which is why Eurosceptics (myself included) have therefore concentrated on the second-best solution of keeping Britain out. We have known all along that any such reprieve was likely to be only temporary. If the single currency survived the initial uncertainties and crises. then Britain would almost certainly join the European superstate



the business community and the City, whether the Tories or Labour

In the past few weeks, however, unexpected political developments have given hope of a last-

single currency disaster. The de-bate over EMU within Europe has been transformed - and has raised the possibility that a strong and united British government could exert a decisive influence on Europe for the first time since 1985-86, when Margaret Thatcher created the harmonised single market.

The second point to grasp is that the tide of European politics has reversed direction since the 1980s. The only people in Europe who can now stop a single currency are the leaders and voters of the social democratic Left. The parties of the Right in Europe have all fallen under the complete domination of

CDU. The European Left, by contrast, has suddenly begun to understand the social costs and to question the political legitimacy of the "bankers' Europe" decreed at Maastricht

This is most obvious in France, where the Socialists are moving on to an overtly anti-EMU plat-form in their election campaign. Lionel Jospin, the Socialist leader. declared yesterday that we should not enter the single curren-cy without conditions, all of which he knew to be totally unacceptable to the German Government and the Bundesbank. In Italy a similar process may soon be under way. Even in Germany the Left is poised on a knife-edge.

A breakthrough for a reinvented Labour Party in Britain might be sufficient to inspire the SPD to abandon its tired, traditionalist pro-EMU leadership and re-invent itself d la new Labour under the more electable and Eurosceptic Gerhardt Schroder.

In sum, a victorious Labour government — especially one led by an attractive, potentially even glamorous, young leader like Tony Blair — could create a new dynamic on the Left in Europe. It could give voters of the Left the confidence that the Right can be defeated and politicians the hope that a new kind of left-wing politics can be reinvented by abandoning the dogmas of the past. Does Mr Blair understand the role he could play in creating a dynamic, democratic "people's Europe" instead of the depressed, bureaucratic "bankers' Europe" of Maastricht? Perhaps not. But at least, under Labour, the opportunity will be there for a British Prime Minister to grasp.

'Good guys' spread the net in non-stop war on dirty money

Ian Brodie looks at efforts to

put wrinkles on the ever-inventive face of international laundering

ohn Moscow, the senior assistant district attorney in Manhattan better known for his work on the global investigation of the collapsed BCCI (Bank of Credit and Commerce International), will address a London symposium today on the global implications of US fraud and money-laundering laws and how they impact on City banks and money houses.

A fellow speaker will be Rowan Bosworth-Davies, a former detective with the Metropolitan Police company fraud squad and now with Titmuss Sainer Dechert, the law firm hosting the sympo-sium. He will tell delegates: Any person who seeks to do business which involves the transfer of US dollars anywhere ... must be aware of the draconian implications of American legislation for them and their employers."

Mr Bosworth-Davies points outs that 60 per cent of the world's trade is conducted in US dollars and 44 per cent of those transactions, worth approximately \$3.5 trillion, clear through the New York bankclearing system on any given day. Therefore that money, and those who transmit or receive it, falls under not just US Federal law but New York County law as well.

Just how quickly the US authorities can react on the international stage is illustrated by a recent case. A simple computer screen shows that a Nigerian woman suspected of working for a drugs ring deposited \$50,000 in a Dutch bank. A couple of clicks reveal a network of payments that she made and received. A few more clicks go deeper, uncovering remote links between her and a web of company and individual accounts that had otherwise seemed unrelated

and had gone unnoticed. In a matter of seconds, suspicious bank investigators have followed threads to dubious transactions that would previously have taken them days to untangle. The software, Syfact, is a new wrinkle in the changing face of money laundering. The makers claim it is the most sophisticated means of fraud protection.

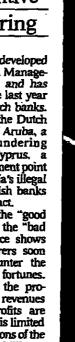
The system was developed by Inter Access Risk Manage-ment of Hilversum and has been installed in the last year by four leading Dutch banks. It is also in use in the Dutch Caribbean island of Aruba, a major money-laundering centre, and in Cyprus, a favourite trans-shipment point for the Russian Malia's illegal profits. Several British banks are interested in Syfact.

Syfact may give the "good guys" an edge over the "bad guys", but experience shows that money launderers soon

Typically, money faunder ing is a three-step process: placement: initial entry of illegal funds into the stream of commerce; layering: transactions calculated to conceal the funds' true source; and integration: injection of the money back into the economy in its disguised, seemingly legitimate form. Once laundered, it is as hard to distinguish as a needle in a stack of needles.

Drug cartels receive the most attention, but money laundering extends to a variety of organised and whitecollar crimes, according to a new study by Michael Zeldin. former chief investigator for money laundering at the US Justice Department. He is now managing director in Washington for Defence Strategies International, specialists in safeguarding corporate clients against crime. He says the proceeds from dirty money support arms smuggling, insurance and bank fraud, counterfeiting, grey market sales. and international terrorism.

When President Clinton ischains of chemists' shops,



devise ways to counter the latest threat to their fortunes. Money laundering, the process by which drug revenues and other illicit profits are made to appear licit, is limited only by the imaginations of the launderers. Some £2 billion a year thought to be laundered through Britain where financial firms are obliged by law to take steps to prevent it, and face substantial penalties if they look the other way.

sued orders blocking assets and prohibiting transactions with narcotics traffickers, his list included car dealerships,



Sharon Stone in Casino. Gambling is a much-favoured conduit for laundering

pharmaceutical manufacturers, chemical companies and import-export firms - all alleged fronts for washing Colombian cartels' drugs profits. Mr Clinton himself might have been stung by laundered funds. The FBI is investigating China's role in funnelling money through Asian donors

returned as questionable. Ingenious laundering schemes have been uncovered in Britain: bearer bonds paid for in cash with false names;

casino chips bought for cash and turned in at the end of the evening for a cheque attributable to winnings; life insurance policies bought with cash and surrendered for a refund cheque; and fake invoices paid

to shell companies overseas. American investigators have just nailed a racket that into his re-election campaign. Close to \$3 million is being

used wire transfers, one of the oldest money-laundering de-vices. Cartels were sending \$1.3 billion a year back to Colombia through money remittance shops in New York

catering to immigrants. The

torrent of cash indicated that immigrants must be wiring home the equivalent of their

entire annual wages.
Then the US Treasury changed its rules and required remittance shops to report all transactions over \$750, rather than \$10,000. The low ceiling forced cartels to return to smuggling bulk shipments of cash in coffins, bowling balls and other crude hiding places. Customs agents were waiting — in three months they seized \$30 million.

Concerns are rising about

cial Action Task Force, a group of 26 countries meeting in Paris, has given warning that the "speed, security and anonymity" of digital cash payments over the Internet could thwart techniques for tracking tainted money.

E-money payments are made over systems that allow customers to store funds on their hard drives or on computer chip cards and to transfer them electronically to merchants, banks, or indeed anyone around the world under the cloak of encryption.

The systems are still experi-mental. Launderers face the problem of entry and exit "choke points". How do they load a large amount of dodgy money into e-money accounts undetected and cash it out into real money at the other end?

Mondex International, a London company that franchises its e-money computer card technology to banks and corporations, takes the threat of infiltration by money laun-

derers extremely seriously. Most banks transferring cash into digital money limit the amounts to no more than £300. That means a criminal would need hundreds of cards to launder a substantial sum.

pler after all. The Glasgow law firm of Semple Fraser has posted an Internet warning to British firms to be on the alert for money launderers to avoid the risk of heavy penalties. The laws compel companies to take preventive measures.

There are five money-laundering offences in Britain: concealment of funds derived from criminal conduct; acquisition of such funds; assistance in retaining or controlling the funds; failure to disclose a suspicion of money laundering; and tipping off a suspect about a police investigation into money laundering.

Lawyers, accountants and others handling transactions for third parties are encouraged to know their clients. They need to look out for money arriving from unexpected sources and be wary of anyone who is secretive about his or her identity or background. They must develop a sense of detecting anything that does not feel right.

As Semple Fraser puts it: Those who choose to turn a blind eye to the legislation will assuredly risk an unwelcome and heavy penalty."

Rank upset

OH DEAR, oh dear. My man on the

taxi rank tells me of a small contre-

temps the other day between a large

silver Mitsubishi Shogun and a

London cab. The side-on collision

caused considerable damage to the

taxi whereas the Shogun appeared

remarkably unscathed. Just as well

really since it was a company vehicle

about to be returned to its owner, one

Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, by its

former star employee, one Nicola

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EBRD director rejects reports of lobbying by a Belgian faction

From the Director for Bel- board of directors a first-rate gium, Luxembourg and Slovenia, European Bank for Reconstruction

Development Sir, As the official representative of Belgium in the board of directors of the EBRD, I would like to protest strongly against the allegations in your paper (Business News, April S. April 9 and April 11) pertain-ing to a so-called Belgian faction within the EBRD, lobbying against the possibility of an American candidate suc-

In a statement to Reuters on April 8, I stressed that Belgium was fully supporting the process set up by Jacques de Larosière, EBRO president, to select and recommend to the

ceeding Ron Freeman as the EBRD's first vice-president.

Belgium is proud of them. I can assure you that they all have the highest respect for Mr de Larosière's management and trust him to find a successor worthy of Mr

banker with a profile as close

as possible to that of Mr Freeman, who made a decisive

contribution to the EBRD's

successful development over

the last six years.
I should also like to

emphasise that a number of

Belgians of outstanding cali-

bre work within the bank and

Yours faithfully, BERNARD SNOY, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, One Exchange Square, London, EC2.

Speaking for the IoD membership

From the Director-General of the Institute of Directors

Sir, I don't mind criticism, but it would be more helpful if it was constructive (Pennington, April 24).

Pennington says that my outburst against Labour policy was hardly constructive. But he then goes on to say that our members may benefit from having a strong voice to larly with an incoming

Government Secondly. Pennington mocks my efforts to draw attention to the poor public perception of business and the values it adopts. But two thirds of the 2,500 people present at our annual convention agreed with me that it was

a problem.
Perhaps Pennington should listen to them rather than to Yours faithfully,

TIM MELVILLE-ROSS (Director-General), The Institute of Directors, 116 Pall Mall, SW1.

Saver seeks windfall reassurance

From Mr A. D. R. Holland Sir, Having paid a windfall tax on a modest holding of

bank shares, held for 40 yearsand levied by a Tory Govern-ment, it seems likely that an incoming Labour government will levy this populist form of tax on my utility shares, held since privatisation.

Having been a steady saver for about 40 years, it seems that I am about to receive a insurance policies. From reports in the financial press, it would seem the total windfall could amount to £20 billion, divided among as many as 20

million voters. It would be reassuring if the main political parties would undertake not to tax these windfalls in the next parliament, except under taxes al-ready in existence.

Will they give this unequivocal reassurance, or is there a hidden agenda? ANTHONY HOLLAND. Windlesham Manor, Windlesham,

Clutching at straws in the quest for success

From Mr Kenneth Armitage Sir, The fact that Tom Peters has consistently failed in his "attempts to build a consultancy business on the back of his success" ("Fading fame of a management 'guru'". April 10), only serves to prove the maxim that "those who can, do, and those who cannot,

teach, or lecture". The point about In Search of Excellence is, surely, that it was written at a time of recession, and when people are under pressure they will clutch at any straw that might make them feel that they are doing something to improve performance when, clearly,

they have little or no control

over external circumstances. and certainly not in the short

Further, the Japanese management model, based on quality service and quality products to meet the demands of customers, appears to keep rumbling along whilst we, in the Anglo-American model, have gone through delayering, downsizing, business process re-engineering

(BPR), empowerment and outsourcing to name a few and have still not succeeded to the same degree. Yours faithfully, K. P. ARMITAGE. 6 Deben Valley Drive,

Kesgrave, Suffolk.

Filling in new tax return proves not so taxing From Miss Delia Twamley On a less happy note I then

Sir, I started with some trepidation on my new tax return 1996-97 in view of the unfavourable publicity. I was surprised how easy it is to fill in - and I have not read the accompanying guide. I had to telephone my local peoplefriendly tax office with two minor questions, which were answered, as always, quickly and efficiently; but I was surprised to learn that, as yet, they did not have copies of the forms that have been sent out. had occasion to telephone a department of my stockbroker with a question. I was told that they could not answer any questions then as the "system had crashed" over the weekend and they had "gone blind". I was advised by the helpful, but actually helpless. man to ring again, and this I fully intend to do. Yours faithfully. D.W.B. TWAMLEY,

15 Capel Close,

NATIONAL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

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Double blow

THESE are trying times for Lord Hambro. Yesterday, his merchant bank was driven into issuing a grovelling apology to the Co-op over its role in the Lanica non-bid fiasco. But this ignominy can hardly have been more painful for the top Tory fundraiser than seeing Taylor Woodrow, where he is a non-executive director, putting up cash for the Labour Party. The latest Taylor Woodrow re-

port admits to a £5,000 political donation to sponsor a "Planning for



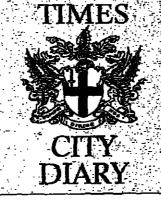
Lord Hambro saw his bank having to issue an apology

Prosperity" conference, a platform for new Labour speechifying. The company still gave its customary £25,000 to the Conservatives but was clearly keen to make a gesture of goodwill to the other side. Lord Hambro will be saved the difficulties of convincing the board to keep up the Tory donation next year he is standing down from Taylor Woodrow's board at the annual meeting in June.

 ON the subject of Taylor Woodrow, it is good to see that Keith Egerton, who runs the housebuilding side, has reserved himself a £165,000 flat in the group's new development at The City Quay, overlooking Tower Bridge and but a stone's throw from The Times's offices. A case of "Le Patron habite ici."

Cable guy

EXTRAVAGANT claims from biotechnology companies are nothing new, but Chiroscience's John Padfield has a corker. Before the \$120 million purchase of Darwin Molecular last November. Padfield had to make his pitch to the Seattle firm's board - including Bill Gates and Paul Allen, the founders of Microsoft. The Chiroscience boss turned up with his presentation on a laptop



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computer - complete with slides based on the cover of Gates's book. But Padfield's heart was soon sinking when, with Gates and Allen looking over his shoulders, he could see no way of connecting the laptop to the office projector. Equally nonplussed, the software whizkids sent for a technician. He was not needed. Padfield realised the problem was easily solved by switching round the computer cables. "Gee," quipped Gates. you must know more about computers than we do!"

Away victory

A CLUE to Robin Launders's commitment to his job as chief executive of Leeds United, which he left yesterday, came last week when he and Mark Corbidge, chief executive of Newcastle United, were both due to address a conference on Football and Finance. They found themselves on the same train down from the North which stopped at Peterborough and would not go on because of bomb scares. Corbidge manfully hailed a taxi and said he would fight his way into London while Launders merely scuttled back to Leeds.

First to go

RUMOURS abound that all is not sweetness at Queen Anne's Gate, the home of Hambro Magan which Nat-West bought for £150 million last year. Odelle Griffiths, a managing director, has resigned and is leaving on Wednesday. She is the first senior Hambro person to go. Perhaps those golden handcuffs were just not strong enough.

Seoul warning

ANYONE else thinking of attacking Britain's suddenly beloved CWS might heed news from Seoul, where civic groups threaten a nationwide boycott of Coca-Cola over the Americans' treatment of Burn Yang Food, South Korea's main Coke bottler. Burn Yang has roused the nation's ire by claiming that Coca-Cola used new open competition rules to stop its 25year contract and try to buy its assets at "extraordinarily" low prices in a "hostile takeover bid". Coke denies it is a bum deal.

Nicola Horlick will be talking to her nanny after a collision

Kalamazoo issues profit warning

By GEORGE SIVELL

SHARES in Kalamazoo dived 22p to 7712p yesterday after the computer group said its results for the year to March 31 would not match current market forecasts and that two unnamed individuals had breached internal controls.

The company said an internal review had revealed certain breaches of internal control within the British business solutions division. In a statement to the Stock Exchange, Kalamazoo said: "The results reported by that division's management accounts do not reflect accurately its performance."

Kalamazoo said it had carried out a comprehensive review of the breaches, and that the two individuals responsible are no longer with the company. Kalamazoo said Deloitte & Touche, the auditor, was assisting with a review of the company's internal controls.

The company said the breaches, which took place mainly in the second half of the year, would result in profits before tax and exceptional franchise litigation costs being similar to the £5.9 million reported before tax for the year ended March 31, 1996. The previously announced litigation costs will remove a further £2 million from pre-tax profits, making £3.9 million for the year against previous market forecasts of £7 million. Kalamazoo made £6.8 mìllion in the year to March 1995 and £6.3 million in the year to March 1994.

The company said the rest of its activities, particularly within the continental European computer division and the security print division, had performed in line with or ahead of expectations.

Kalamazoo said that it intended to declare a final dividend with the preliminary results, scheduled to be announced on June 26, which would be not less than the 1996 final dividend of 3.05p per share.

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Rohan Courtney, chairman of West 175 Enterprises, the US-based television production company whose shares trade on the Alternative Investment Market. The company lost \$172,263 in 1996 (1995: \$337,198 profit). The shares, which fell from 130p after a profit warning, rose 2p to 77p yesterday

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Aerostructures at heart of sluggish results from EIS

THE troubled Aerostructures Hamble returned to haunt the City yesterday when EIS Group, the aerospace components company that rescued the business, disappointed investors with year-end profits well below expectations.

EIS shares fell 9 per cent, to 31212 p, after the company reported pre-tax profits of £23.4 million for the year to the end of December, up from £20.3 million. But earnings were flat at 28.7p a share, against 28.50.

In January the stock traded at 396p before rumours of

trading problems began to circulate in the market. The results dismayed analysts. who cut current year forecasts to around £25 million from

At the heart of the sluggish performance is Aerostructures, which was acquired in September 1995 for £18.3 million, a discount of £50 million to the original stock market value of the business. EIS said the condition of Aerostructures' contracts was more serious than envisaged.

Group turnover improved to £476.7 million from £389.1 million, with a £27.7 million contribution from acquisi-tions. At the operating level and the company has taken a further £5.2 million charge profits rose to £29.6 million

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nesses were acquired in 1996: Aerocontracts, a distributor of aircraft parts; R.D. Taylor, a specialist chemicals distributor; Air-Log, a supplier of technology for suspension systems; and Techim, a French distributor of mass transfer plant and equipment.

EIS said the strength of sterling had a significant impact on the business, particularly in the final quarter. increasing competitive pres-sures and having an adverse impact on export margins.

Sir Norman Wooding, chairman, said some companies within the group had made a slow start to the current year, despite the continuing market resilience in Britain and America. Further reorganisation would continue to offset the adverse impact of currency changes and depressed European conditions. There is a final dividend of 9.9p a share, making a total dividend of 13.5p (13.1p).

BUSINESS FOR SALE

By CARL MORTISHED ENTERPRISE OIL and BP have agreed to swap North from £23.4 million. Four busi-Sea oil and gas assets worth £100 million in a deal that will give Enterprise control of the Pierce oilfield in exchange for interests in two gasfields. Enterprise is giving up 24

per cent of the Amethyst gasfield and 13.5 per cent of Ravenspurn North for BPs 43 per cent share in Pierce, which last year produced 19,000 barrels per day under an extended well test. The asset swap involves the exchange of about 100 mil-lion barrels of oil equivalent for the two companies, but for Enterprise the attraction is to increase its exposure to crude oil.

Enterprise

and BP to

swap assets

A spokesman for Enterprise said the company was exchanging mature gas assets for new oilfields. Unlike BP, Enterprise is not in the UK gas chain and has less ability to add value to North Sea gas. The deal is subject to government and co-venturer consent and on completion will give Enterprise 74 per cent of Pierce and operatorship of the Central North Sea field

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

German cartel office investigates BICC

THE German cartel office has confirmed that BICC, the British cable company, Siemens, Alcatel and ABB Asea Brown Boveri are to be investigated for allegedly attempting to carve up the domestic cable market in Germany. The cartel office said that the investigation centres on KWU, the Siemens power generation unit, Kwo Kabel, a BICC subsidiary, Felten & Guilleaume Energietechnik, ABB Kabel und Draht, and two Alcatel subsidiaries. The cartel office said that the companies were cited in September in the context of an inquiry into having possibly agreed on carving up the market. The office declined to comment on the status of the investigation, which is still under way, or on whether, and by how much, the companies might be fined.

The cartel office said that results of the investigation are expected "soon", but declined to specify a date. The office was unable to confirm that the fines on the companies would be DM200 million, as expected by analysts in Germany.

WEW trims expectations

SHARES IN WEW, the discount store group, fell more than 13 per cent yesterday after it said that pre-tax profit in the second half will be "broadly neutral" after exceptional gains of £2 million. This means that full-year profits are likely to be in line with the £1.6 million reported in the first half. It said that trading at the old format stores remains difficult, while the four new concept stores — named "The Store" — are exceeding the board's expectations. The exceptional gains arise from the sale of property. The shares closed at 16¹2p, down 2¹2p.

United appointment

UNITED NEWS & MEDIA said yesterday it had appointed Gerry Wilton to become chief executive of Harlow Butler and Garban its broking companies. In addition to his previous responsibilities for the broking businesses in Europe and Asia he will now add the businesses in North and South America. Together these companies form the largest integrated money and securities broking group in the world, said United News & Media. Charles Gregson was formerly chairman and chief executive of the broking companies. He continues as chairman.

Lego builds up in UK

STRONG sales growth in Britain helped Lego, the Danish toy manufacturer, to increase its profits last year. The Lego Group's pre-tax profit rose from DKr676 million (£67 million) to DKr699 million. UK sales rose by II per cent because of new products and the impact of the opening of the Legoland theme park at Windsor, Berkshire. Kirk Kristiansen, president, said that the company had set itself a goal of being the strongest brand among families with children by 2005.

R-R's £25m Kenya deal

ROLLS-ROYCE's Allen Diesels has won a £25 million order to upgrade a power station in Kenya. As part of an order from Iberafrica Power, Allen Diesels is responsible for all mechanical and electrical engineering as well as supplying eight heavy fuel-burning engines from Japan, in one of Kenya's first diesel-powered independent power projects. Rolls-Royce said the new equipment is to provide much-needed electricity to industrial and domestic users in the Nairobi region.

Yamaichi focus on London

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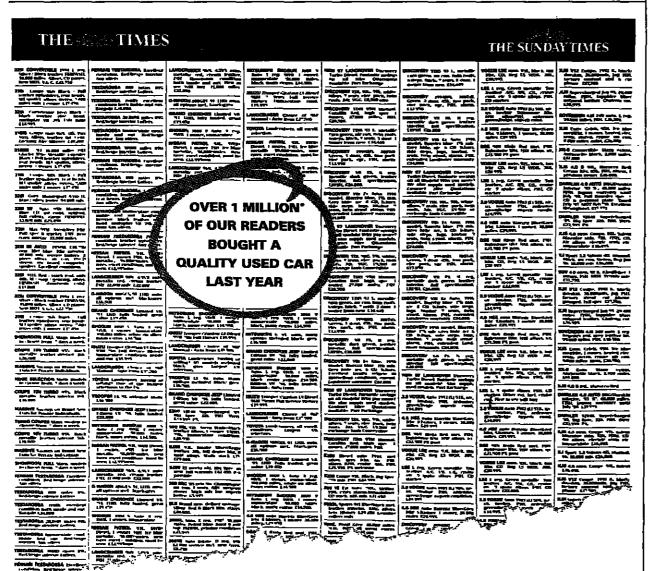
YAMAICHI, Japan's number four stockbroker, is to close three of its continental offices and make London the centre of its European operations.

Yesterday, Yamaichi de-clared a small pre-tax profit for the year to March 31 but suffered a net loss after bailing out a troubled financial affiliated company. Yamaichi posted parent company profits of 1.22 billion yen for the year to March 31, down 91.9 per cent. But a one-off loss of 150 billion yen suffered by a financial affiliate helped to push Yamaichi to a net loss of 164.76 billion yen (£300 million). Ryuji Shirai, vice-president,

said Yamaichi was conducting an in-house investigation after revelations by Nomura that

two of its directors were involved in suspected illegal deals. Last month, Mr Shirai said that an internal investigation had not found any accounts linking the firm to racketeers. He also denied reports that Yamaichi had conducted illegal. "tobashi" deals in which brokers seek to hide a client's investment losses by transferring them to another client's account.

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Self-employed ready to head off witch-hunt after election

By Rodney Hobson

GROWING concern over the status of self-employed people in the construction industry will be brought to the attention of Treasury ministers immediately after the general election.

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Stephen Alambritis, spokesman for the Federation of Small Business, said: "We have already made representations before the election was called seeking assurances that there would not be a witch-hunt against the self-employed.

We are waiting to see who is in the Treasury on May 2 so we can take up the cudgels again. We are calling for the right for people to declare that they are self-employed and it should be up to the Inland Revenue to contest that at the Revenue's expense."

At issue is a campaign by the Inland Revenue and the Contributions Agency to reclassify as employed up to 500,000 of the 750,000 holders of 714 certification. These government certificates, issued to workers in construction and related work, have previously been accepted as proof that holders are genuinely self-employed. They act as sub-contractors, receiving payments without tax or National insurance deducted.

Taking workers into employment costs a company about 15 per cent on top of the wages bill. Given the continuing depressed state of the



"I'm just looking at the list I made before the last election"

construction industry, workers are having to take pay cuts because employers cannot pass on the extra cost. Some of those affected claim that the Inland Revenue is effectively deciding when the rules will be enforced. The Revenue maintains that those who are genuinely self-employed have nothing to worry about. It offered an amnesty to companies that reclassified workers as employees, promising not to claim tax on previous years. Barry Slasberg, who provides book-keeping and accountancy ser-

vices to clients in the construction industry from his Northampton office, said: "For some 25 years, the Inland Revenue and the Contributions Agency have been practising the most flagrant, deliberate and inexcusable maladministration regarding employment status in the construction industry. They have created an employment custom contrary to legislation. A whole culture cannot be changed in a day."

Mr Alambritis said: "The Inland evenue is aghast that there are 750,000 certificates in the system. This has arisen because the Government had been so successful over the years in encouraging selfemployment. Our worry is that the Inland Revenue is under enormous pressure to cut back on spending and one of the sectors they can look at is small businesses, where they are raking in only small sums in tax."

Mike Warburton, senior tax partner in Grant Thornton, financial advisers, fears that some agencies supplying workers to the construction industry are in for a nasty shock. He said: The National Insurance laws say that agencies who supply workers to the construction industry must also pay their NI contributions. However, until now, the taxman has not always chased this payment."

There are four million self-employed in the UK, about a quarter of the European Union total. More than half of them have turnover of less than £12,000 a year.



Tax perk: the Inland Revenue advert for self-assessment, with its play on words, that appeared on a Chinese takeaway carton

Adverts are topping on takeaway

By RODNEY HOBSON

AN IDEA ignored for more than six years resurfaced to show why some small business owners are more successful than others.

Richard Francis, managing director of Spiral Packs, explains how he made an already profitable company more successful. He says: "I was part of a team that bought out a company making lids for food cartons. I walked round the very clean factory and saw the product going through, all white. "I felt there was something wrong but I didn't know what it was. When I came back with the

The Patent Office has cut patent ex-

amination fees from £130 to £70, re-

ducing the overall cost to £225, to encourage more small and medium

sized companies to protect their ideas. Details: 0645 500505.

☐ More than half of a sample of

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NatWest in the first quarter of this

year reported sales up on the first

quarter of 1996, and more than 60

per cent expected them to keep

rising. As a result of improved

sales, 40 per cent have taken on

buyout team it was mentioned in the course of discussions that six or eight years previously someone had thought about putting advertisements on the lids. The penny dropped. I saw the opportunity of adding value by putting colour where colour had not been before." At that time Mr Francis was

managing director of a textile company selling furnishings and his background was in designing so he had an eye for visual impact. The result, Adlids, can be seen increasingly by buyers of takeaway meals. The UK has 17,000 Indian and Chinese food outlets, more than 6,000 of them takeaways. The rest are restaurants that also supply meals to take home.

Adlids supplies nearly a billion food carton lids a year, sold through wholesalers. About 600 million go to Chinese and Indian takeaways. Advertisers pay £20 to £25 per 1.000 to adorn them. depending on the size of the order. They can have a message distributed nationally or tailored to television transmission areas. So far, clients include the Inland Revenue publicising self-assessment, the Department of Transport, campaigning against drink-driving, Channel 4 Television, Tango soft drinks and Blackthorn cider. To give outlets the incentive to

use the lids, they are sold at a discount to the plain white ones. Mr Francis says: "Our product guarantees impact. You have to look at the lid while you open the carton. There are 5.1 million takeaways sold each week largely to people with high dispos-

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Bank finds optimism among black entrepreneurs

By Brian Collett

BLACK owners of small businesses are the ethnic group most likely to write formal business plans, Barclays Bank researchers have

reported. They found that 56 per cent of those interviewed had produced detailed plans and that 60 per cent had undertaken vocational or practical training. They also found unexpectedly high confidence among black businesses, which probably resulted from careful startup preparation. Among the respon-dents, 84 per cent were optimistic about their prospects and 79 per cent believed that ethnic minority businesses had an increasingly important role to play in the economy.

"It was one of the more surprising aspects of the research," said Peter Oatley, Barclays Bank's small business services manager. It contrasted with optimism among only 63 per cent of their white counterparts and was maintained in spite of the obstacles faced by black business people. Almost half said that they had suffered discrimination and 30 per cent said that they had become self-employed because they could not obtain work.

Another finding by the Barclays researchers was that, of the ethnic minority entrepreneurs. Asians worked the longest day — 1112

hours on average. ☐ The Small Business Bureau and NatWest have helped to set up the African Caribbean Westminster Initiative, with Lord Taylor of Warwick as its first president. The aims include establishing a business research centre, training nonexecutive directors and trustees, and promoting African Caribbean

BRIEFINGS

more staff in the past year, and a third intend to do so this quarter.

☐ Worldgate, a new business support centre, has opened on the site of the closed Trentham Colliery, near Stoke-on-Trent, as a partnership involving Staffordshire University, the county's chamber of commerce, Business Link and training and enterprise council and private-sector companies. Backing has come from the EU, local government and NatWest. Worldgate aims to encourage greater use of information technology by businesses.

☐ A project to boost sales by small food and drink producers in western England is being launched by Taste of the West, a trade support group set up by Food from Britain and the National Farmers Union. The West Country Cooking Project will feature A Guide to West Country Cooking, due out in the autumn, which will promote producers and restaurants.

A free booklet on business-tobusiness marketing in Europe is being offered by the PCMC marketing services company, of Reading. Berkshire. The Guide to European Business-to-Business

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☐ Business in the Community and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations have formed a task force to consider how companies, especially small and medium-sized ones, can work with voluntary bodies for mutual benefit. The move is a response to last year's Deakin Commission report, which found potential for better links between business and the volun-

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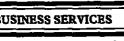
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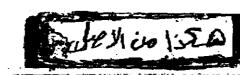


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OPERA: Max Loppert acclaims Roderick Watkins's Juniper Tree, premiered at the Munich Biennale

peras drawn from fairy tale are much in vogue. In case one had missed the point - and such triumphs in the genre as Judith Weir's Vanishing Bridegroom for Scottish Opera and Blond Eckbert for ENO have been only the tip of the iceberg the purpose of the fifth Munich Biennale seemed to be to

Most valuable of the German new-music institutions, the International Festival for Music Theatre masterminded by Hans Werner Henze (in his final season as artistic director) is not just a forcing ground for operatic talent but a weather-vane of operatic trends. It was, we were assured, pure coincidence that the two commissioned pieces — The Juniper Tree, by the young Englishman Roderick Watkins, and Helle Nächte ("Bright Nights"), by the young German Moritz Eggert - had both been based on fairy tales, the former on Grimm, the latter on Thousand and One Nights. But judging by the reasons given by each composer for his choice of subject, a common aim could be a quest for

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and impact. After the extreme complexities that opera attempted in the preceding decades, it is an aim apparently pursued by many other operacreators of recent times.

This was, however, the only common factor of the 1997 Biennale operas. In other respects they were chalk and cheese, in achievement most of all. Watkins, a student of Henze's, had made only a single previous foray into music-theatre — a rousing retelling of Jason and the Minotaur, titled Labirinto (1991). But in Munich, in a 70-minute work for 12 London Sinfonietta players and a cast of five. he revealed a real gift for succinct scene-setting and story-telling through music. Eggert's piece, on the other jejune, prolix and undisciplined - cried out for the pruning shears.

The Juniper Tree, one of the nastiest Grimm tales, has inspired operas by Philip Glass and Andrew Toovey as well as Watkins. The reason it attracts composers must lie in the genuine openings it provides for music at its centre is the song of a magical bird, sung from the juniper tree under which are buried a mother (she died in childbirth)

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Alison Kettlewell and David Wigram in the world premiere of Roderick Watkins's The Juniper Tree in Munich

and the bones of her murdered son (his hate-filled stepmother decapitated him, then served him up as a stew to his father). Birdsong, which makes public the gruesome secret, leads the opera to its climax, in which the stepmother is killed and the boy resurrected.

In Watkins's treatment, birdsong preceded by an eloquent shiver of electronic sound, is shared between the performers of Boy and Mother. This lends the denouement a poignancy that justified the composer and Patricia Debney, his libretust (and wife), in their claim that it is the "family dynamics" of the tale which concerned them at least as much as its blood-drenched archetypal simplicities.

Watkins writes singing lines precise in character-definition and in laconic lyricism; the piece is predominantly slowmoving and leanly built up often a single voice is shadowed by a single woodwind or, in the case of the increasingly

hysterical Stepmother, jangling percussion — but never thin or devoid of interest. There are tone in the libretto which Watkins's musical language consistently makes

in style **7** This latest Juniper Tree opera is in the best sense a small success, at once unified

and "personal" in idiom. Similar qualities marked the enperformance under the remarkable Markus Stenz, and the staging by the British team

of David McVicar (producer) and Michael Vale (designer). wonderfully imaginative in its economy of stage space. In the Munich Muffathalle, as in

London's Almeida Theatre, where in June the production will be restaged, that is a prerequisite. piece is made for an intimahighly cy, a quiet enchantpersonal instrumentalists

and singer-actors. the ever-impressive Robert Poulton, Pe-

Clark, Alison Kettlewell and Louise Mott, and the deeply touching boy soprano David Wigram, took full advantage. By contrast, Helle Nachte rambled on for an unbroken 110 minutes, insufferably arch in its fancy (but now horribly over-familiar) postmodern device of employing two actors to narrate and then enter into the framework of four Thousand and One Nights tales. In an "anything goes" production, which laid on its stale jokes and feeble sleights-of-hand with a trowel, any point the piece may have ho vanished. But in any case Eggert's talent seemed too

slender to sustain it. The Jugendstil decoration of the magnificently restored Prinzregententheater and an introduction to some promising Munich-based singers were the evening's only consolations. Indeed, of the soprano Simone Schneider, baritone Wolfgang Wirsching and countertenor Charles Maxwell much more will surely be

LONDON THEATRE: High camp burns in Atlanta; going from verse to bad

n the night of Decem-ber 10, 1938, David Selznick burnt a vast replica of Atlanta and decided who was going to play Harlot Mascara in Gone With the Wind. No, it would not be Katharine Hepburn, whom he ungaliantly told: "I can't imagine Rhett Butler chasing you for ten years". It would not be the chaotic Tallulah Bankhead, nor Bette Davis, who rejected the role because she feared Errol Flynn would be playing opposite her. It would be Vivien Leigh, whom Selznick first met, her hair swept back and her eyes dancing with excitement, as the city blazed and the cam-

eras rolled. That meeting ends Frankly Scarlett, but, as Peter Morris and Phillip George have re-conceived it, it is scarcely as romantic as it sounds. Leigh is played by an actor who quaintly calls himself Earl Grey. Peter Polycarpou's Selznick has spent much of the day in his underpants. seducing a nun he has mistaken for a Southern girl, and chasing the gossip columnist Hedda Hopper, who has a photo of this encounter. Hepburn has been taped, gagged and shoved into bathrooms, sacks and boxes. Bankhead has survived a shooting, got Hopper high on pot, and ended up in bed with her. December 10 has become a

wild, camp farce. I laughed more than my grimmer-faced colleagues, but not as much as the King's Head aficionados. Farce, even the sort of farce that Morris describes in the programme as "fractured fairy tale", needs more logic than surfaces here. And if farce gets too hectic and harum-scarum, it leaves me feeling the way I did as a child when someone refused to stop

Gone too far with the wind-up

Frankly Scarlett King's Head, NI

tickling my armpits. In other words, Frankly Scarlett is

Still, that is a nice fault and, if you ignore the sometimes coarse script and take a couple of extra drinks at the bar, you

may well have fun. Myself, l

Nicholas Colicos's Clark Ga-ble. who thinks his Butler costume "cissy" but is careful to conceal his dentures before assaying a sexual conquest. I did, however, weary of the sequences in which an effeminate costumier gets Gable confused with the gay Southern twin the great actor never knew he had, and ends up alternately kissed and

evening a lot

Phillip George's cast is always game, always energetic, but Earl Grey could distin-guish better between the actresses he plays. Were you to come to his Bette Davis blind. you might guess from his staccato yelps whom he is parodying but his Hepburn. Bankhead and Leigh belong to Rent-a-Pantomime-Dame Inc. If he cut down on the flouncing and worked on the mimicry, it would help the

Ballantine's nun started mis-taking Bankhead's furry over-

coat for a bear, I began to feel

the victim of comic overkill.

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without any bite

punched. And when Sheila

sionally, a critic finds himself in a small dark room in a deserted arts centre pointing a loaded pistol at a sickly patient. Does he turn the gun around, put it in his own mouth and blow the back of his head off? Or does he vaporise the victim? It's the futility of doing either that

makes the critic dispair. The young-looking cast of Animus Theatre Company sit on a haystack of impressive sounding credits, but you would never guess it from this insipid production of an underpowered, overwritten Lope de Vega comedy. Clearly, not all that glisters in the Spanish

Golden Age is gold. John Farndon, who directs role, also provides the rhymstretches to an audible laugh. Two sisters in Madrid -

one. Nise (Anneli Harrison),

and gives himself a cameo ing verse translation uses, while modestly witty, never

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steeped in learning, the other, Finea (Angela Koo), thick as the proverbial two short planks - are contracted to marry partners in which they are not remotely interested. But, for reasons to do with Nise's lack of dowry and Finea's low IQ, Alex Lowe's monkish Liseo and Alexi Kaye Campbell's cad Laurencio secretly agree to swap partners for their mutual self interests. Will the women be won over?

Praised for the modernism previous translations, Farndon obviously felt compelled to extend that to his design. Two video units showing a test card blue sky hang over a perfectly square sandpit that has an awkward ledge. With the performers dressed in black frock coats or diapha-

the set was not there, this proves to be an expensive

Hurried exits and entrances lend a fake edge of expectancy to the production. "Let's go" may be the operative stage direction, but every time the plot looks like being wrapped up. De Vega fashions a twist, spinning his tale out like a professional pub bore. The warring Romeos and Juliets get in each others' way: the servants (nicely played by Lucinda Raikes, John Albafiny and Tony Taylor) get the wrong end of the stick.

Ultimately Farndon fails to extract the comedy from his translation because he overindulges everything, most fatally his actors. You don't have to be mad for love, you have to be insane to endure this most prosaic of animated poems.

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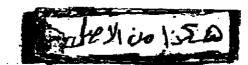
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VISUAL ART 1

Christine Borland delves obliquely into the dark history of Nazi science at the Lisson Gallery



VISUAL ART 2

while, at the South London Gallery, Tracey Emin digs into the traumas of her own life





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. and Maurizio Pollini brings his customary intensity to a Beethoven piano recital

Get some bones, get a life

VISUAL ART: Richard Cork visits

shows by two pioneering women, one macabre, one autobiographical

Jacobean tragedy. Christine Borland is obsessed with bones. But her approach is more forensic than ghoulish. In the early stages of her most haunting work, she was astounded to discover that it was possible to order a real human skeleton through the post. Having paid £900 and re-ceived her grisly mail-order acquisition, she set about using crime detection methods to discover the identity of the corpse.

Helped by an osteologist, Borland carefully reassembled the bits 6 Borland and pieces. They revealed that the bones confronts were those of an Asian woman who died at the gruesome age of 25 after at least one pregnancy. So for aspects of an eerie yet compassionate exhibition in Glaslife 🤊 gow, where Borland lives and works, she juxtaposed the bones

with a blow-by-blow display of her investigative process. It culminated in a bronze reconstruction by forensic scientists of the dead woman's face - a poignant, posthumous tribute.

Nothing so shocking can be found in Borland's first one-person London exhibition. Throughout the aptly clinical white rooms at the Lisson Gallery, though, the same dedication to a methodical uncovering of the past is detectable. In the most substantial work, L'Homme

Double, six clay heads by different

also another means of reminding us that our bodies can be bought artists are positioned on plinths. They were commissioned by Borland, who asked each of the sculptors to make a traditional, lifesize portrait of the infamous

doctor, Josef Mengele. Photographs and verbal descriptions of the Nazi war criminal were supplied, but they testify only to his maddening clusiveness. No wonder that the sculptors, confronted by such an enigma, have produced heads notable for their grey, aca-demic sobriety. Although Borland told them that the information she supplied "can be interpreted as freely as you wish", the main differences between them centre on the presence or absence of a moustache and a tie. The macabre and repulsive nature of Mengele's atrocities is wholly at odds with the conventional decency of the faces

All the same, there is no doubting Borland's readiness to confront and explore even the most gruesome aspects of life. The emotional

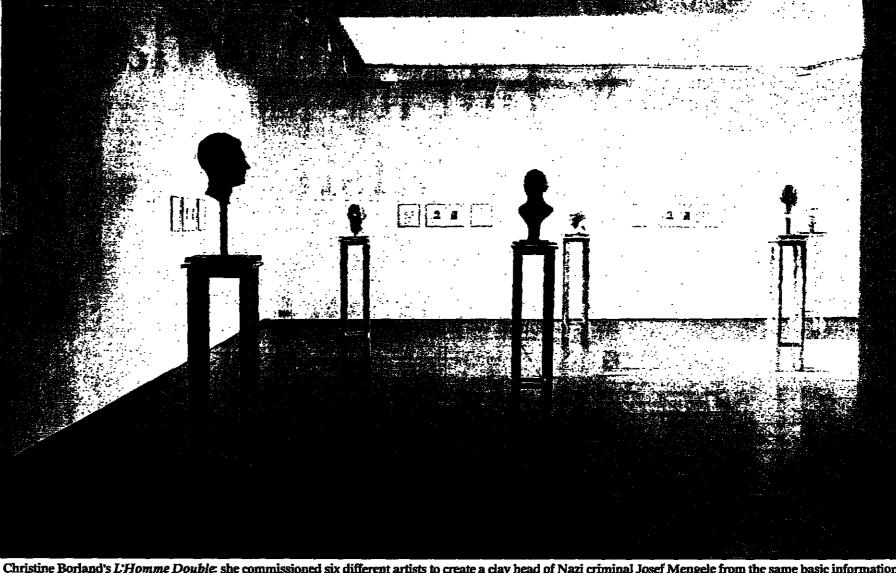
ike the reincarnation of a commitment behind her seeming figure from the darkest coolness erupts in the small room coolness erupts in the small room next to L'Homme Double, where two battered chairs carry photocopies of The Creature's Mono-logue from Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. We are invited to sit down and read them, and on their covers Borland has printed an impassioned quotation from Para-dise Lost: "Did I request thee, Maker, From my day To mould me man? Did I solicit thee From darkness to promote me?"

Wandering through the rest of the show, we come across fragmented manifestations of Borland's intense, governing concerns. Some might easily be overlooked - like the replica of a .38 Government Colt Automatic visible, as a blurred form in a bluestriped plastic bag, at the bottom of the shadowy basement stairs.

Borland prefers understatement to the rhetoric of Milton or Shelley, and the first-floor gallery yields its contents slowly. The room is in darkness. Here, embedded in the concrete floor, are a dozen brilliant-cut diamonds.

They look randomly scattered at first, but then spectral suggestions of a human form become apparent around them. It seems on the verge of disappearing. But the diamonds turn out to pinpoint its anatomy with surprising precision. They are and sold like jewels or any other commodity on the market.

Borland's awareness of corporeal fragility is conveyed most clearly in Bison-Bison, a work that takes as its springboard an experiment described in Gray's Anatomy. On



Christine Borland's L'Homme Double she commissioned six different artists to create a clay head of Nazi criminal Josef Mengele from the same basic information

the long central table, the animal's astonishingly elongated vertebrae extend from one end to the other. It is an awesome spectacle, but Borland has extracted the bones' organic compounds. As a result, they become as light as paper and look ready to crumble at a touch. Towards the far end they have already turned into blue-tinged powder, whereas the bison ribs on the other two tables are orange and surprisingly supple. Their mineral compounds have been removed, leaving them so soft that the artist was able to twist some of the ribs into knots - an unexpectedly playful gesture that highlights the

of mortality. Tracey Emin, another of the young women who play such a prominent role in the new British art. shares Borland's feeling for vulnerability. But everything in her show at the South London Gallery is focused unabashedly on Emin's

wry, dry humour underlying an

exhibition riddled with intimations

own life. Furniture, drawings, photographs, paintings, written texts, found objects and videos are all candidly employed by an artist who calls her exhibition I Need Art Like I Need God.

Everything on view here is presented as part of Emin's salvation, her way of exorcising the traumas of the past. On one of the brazenly revealing videos, her mother admits that she thought the adolescent Tracey "would have

gone to the dogs if you hadn't gone to art school". Emin talks frankly on video about the time she was raped, and concludes that "for me my childhood was over". She describes her moments of depression and attempted suicide. how schoolkids taunted her with racist abuse. and the anger she still feels about her abortion.

Nothing, it seems, is excluded from this startling and raw selfexposure. In another artist's hands, the outcome could easily degenerate into an intolerable form of narcissism. Against all the odds, though, this show does not feel selfindulgent. For one thing, Emin never makes the mistake of raising herself above criticism. Her feelings of guilt and envy are freely exposed in a white partitioned room at the centre of the gallery, where she recreates an installation produced in Stockholm last year. The discarded paintings inside, including blue body-imprints uncomfortably close to Yves Klein's work, are often inscribed with messages and exhortations, directed either at friends or herself. Perhaps the most germane is the

command boldly telling Emin "Not To Be Afraid. Most Of My Life Has Been Built On Fear."

Judging by the uninhibited mood of the exhibition as a whole, Emin succeeds in obeying this injunction. Her often searing book of memoirs has been published under the headlong title Exploration of the Soul, and a panoramic colour photograph shows her clutching it in Monument Valley during an epic trip across America.

There is no sugge tion, at any stage in this **6** Nothing labyrinthine voyage through Emin's history, that she has reached a is excluded plateau of serenity. Bitterness frequently ex-plodes, above all in from her some accusatory prints raw selfscrawled with outbursts like "You Were Not Men You Were Less exposure 7 Than Human". On

> writing becomes as direct and raw as the graffiti she admits to scrawling on the sea wall at Margate. In another mood, however, she is capable of drawing small, tender images of birds.

these occasions. Emin's

Her command of line is impressive, especially in some spidery nudes and street scenes reminiscent of German and Austrian Expressionism. But Emin's work is so dartingly various that it cannot be categorised with ease. Binding all these offerings together is a confessional urge, and Emin shows no sign of exhaustion in her compulsive, versatile attempt to turn the messiness of life into art.

Christine Borland at the Lisson Gallery (0171-724 2739) until May 10; Tracey Emin at South London Gallery (0171-703 6130) until May 18

AROUND THE GALLERIES

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DAVID HISCOCK is certainly not the only painter who has taken photographs (or vice versa), but he is unique in the quality of his thought about the relationship between the two activities. Although he began with works which combined photography and painting, recently he seems determined to let his media develop separately, and yet all that he does brings them closer and closer together. Strokes, his new show at Purdy/Hicks, is in two parts, "Landscapes", which are fundamentally photographs, and 'Innerscapes", which are fundamentally paintings. The two seem to have started at opposite ends and gradually met in the middle through the unifying force of Hiscock's own powerful vision. Hiscock is a true original. and his art exerts the same haunting power whatever medium he chooses to work in. Purdy/Hicks, 65 Hopton Street, Bankside, SE1 (0171-401 9229).

□ REMEMBER those freshly coloured prints of clipper ships under full sail in Uncle Fred's hallway? Like as not they were taken from paintings by Montague Dawson (1895-1973). It is the sort of art which tends to bypass critics completely, while going straight to the heart of those with romantic fantasies about the flung spray and the blown spume and the seabirds crying.

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2pm, until May 17.

Dawson was an experienced sailor who could be trusted to get his facts right in the most minutely documentary work. such as he did in the Second World War for Sphere magazine; he was a keen historical researcher as well. Frost & Reed's retrospective is a timely reminder of an artist working with dash and flair. Frost & Reed, 2-4 King Street St James's, SWI (0171-839 4645) Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm, until

MARO GORKY is so wellconnected that it is amazing she is the fine, free-spirited artist that she is. She is the daughter of Arshile Gorky, leading (if eccentric) New York Abstract Expressionist. And she is married to Stephen Spender's artist son, Matthew. But Gorky goes firmly in her own direction. ignoring the world around her. Not totally ignoring her physical environment, however, since though she is becoming increasingly abstract, she is still fundamentally a landscape artist. Her most recent work at Long and Ryle continues at once to simplify and elaborate on the natural scene. And the vibrant colour harmonies are all her own.

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CONCERTS: Double dose of Beethoven on the South Bank; centenary celebrations in Sussex; and Solti sheds light on a Shostakovich symphony

Played at heroic length

Beethoven loomed large at the Festival Hall over the weekend. Seiji Ozawa and the Saito Kinen Orchestra devoted half their programme on Saturday to him, and the evening before Maurizio Pollini returned for the fifth recital in his sevenpart cycle of the composer's 32 piano sonatas.

By chance it was not just any" Beethoven: everything we heard was written within a concentrated six-year period at the beginning of the 19th century. Unlike many pianists. Pollini is tackling the sonatas in chronological order, and he played the five sonatas Op 54 to Op 81a, which date from between 1804 and 1809, the time of the Napoleonic Wars and two humiliating French occupations of Vienna. The Eroica Symphony was written in 1803 and dedicated to Napoleon, but the following year an enraged Beethoven famously tore out the title page when Bonaparte proclaimed himself

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Emperor.
This was the time of Beethoven's "heroic phase", when his music began to break new, uncompromising ground, and in stimulating performances Pollini emphasised the revolutionary aspects of these works. Sometimes recently this modern giant of the keyboard, renowned for both the techniMaurizio Pollini Saito Kinen Festival Hall

cal brilliance and intellectual stature of his playing, has appeared to have "gone respectable" with "safe" performances: not here, where the outwardly conventional sequence of three movements in the Appassionata concealed raging turmoil. After an intense, inward-looking opening. Pollini played up the insistent knocking of fate, and followed it with a lament that was swept away by the swirling finale.

În Op 81a, Les Adieux, Pollini gave another newly exciting interpretation of very familiar music. He was just as satisfying in the less frequently played Op 54 in F, where he made light of the second movement's perpetuum mobile, and he caught the capricious freedom that dominates Op 78 in F sharp. But he was most interesting in the "little" sonatina-like Op 79 in G: he rushed headlong into a very fast Presto opening, and revelled in the humour of the finale. The simple Italianate lyricism he brought to the Andante made this unsophisticated movement one of the evening's highlights.

were exactly what Ozawa's performance of the Eroica lacked. Indeed, the only revolutionary aspect of the music he drew attention to was its length: at the time of its composition. Beethoven's Third was by far the longest symphony ever written. Otherwise this was a heavy and old-fashioned account, without the spiritual dimension great conductors of the past have brought. Some wayward winds apart, though, this disciplined performance had great unanimity of attack, and the weighty sound suited the dark funeral march of the

Uninhibited scenes from a painful life: Taci Min by Tracey Emin

second movement well. Undoubtedly, the special lory of the remarkable Saito Kinen Orchestra — its mostly Japanese players are either members of major Western orchestras or internationally established soloists - is its strings, and they got an opportunity to shine in the string orchestra version of Schoenberg's Verklärte Nacht. Their carefully moulded sound underlined the work's lyricism. though never at the expense of its haunted expressionism. Ozawa was at his best here, in a taut performance which also showed just how close Schoenberg was to the spirit of

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ld loyalties were to the fore in Sunday's gala for EMI's hundredth birthday this year. Glyndebourne was the appropriate choice for the first of three centenary concerts - two nonoperatic evenings follow later. EMI came to record the prewar Mozart performances in Sussex and the links have remained ever since. And there on stage as master of ceremonies for the high-priced occasion -- top tickets £750 -was Nicolai Gedda, first signed for EMI by Walter

Legge 46 years ago. Gedda ruefully remarked that he was making his house debut, but many of the other singers on parade were old Glyndebourne hands. Some, like Alison Hagley, who gave ethereal tone to Nannetta's aria from Falstaff, had come through the Festival chorus. Others, including Thomas Hampson, had made their reputations long before reaching the Festival Opera. Hampson also chose Falstaff and sent the sparks whizzing through the house with Ford's Vengeance aria. Hampson has the art of coming on cold and grabbing the audience within seconds.

Before taking over his MC function Gedda launched into Danilo's entrance aria from JOHN ALLISON | The Merry Widow, proof that EMI Centenary Gala Glyndebourne

at 72 he can still get his larynx around Lehar. Plenty more operetta was to come, reminder of a dedication to this section of the repertoire, which was started by Legge and echoed by EMI's French arm. Felicity Lott chose Messager, all saucy flirta-

tiousness as a lady from Le Bal Masque who revels in having two lovers on the go. Nathalie Dessay, a dashing young French coloratura recently signed by EMI, then made it plain that if the English knew all about boulevard operetta, she was an ace at American musicals. She mocked and dazzled in Glitter and be gay from Candide, showing the same Hampson ability to mesmerise the house without ado, Barbara Hendricks was less successful in Lehár's Giuditta.

And so to opera proper. Amanda Roocroft revealed a new and sensuous weight to her soprano in Dvořák's Rusalka. Gedda said that it gave him pleasure to introduce not one but three tenors adding mischievously "three young tenors, not old ones". Ian Bostridge gave

delicate tone to Tamino's aria



Gheorghiu and Alagna

from Die Zauberflote. And finally came Roberto Alagna. He has just sung his first Werther in Toulouse and chose Pourquoi me réveiller, the voice taking a few bars to clear before Massenet's emotional melancholy was given full flood. He was joined by Angela Gheorghiu for the close of Act III of Manon.

Andrew Davis and Franz Welser-Möst, both in top form, shared control of the LPO. Then the audience went off for dinner while the finishing touches were put to the CD

And still we want to know what it all means. Shostakovich's symphonies continue to draw out brow-furrowing speculation in programme note and commentary, and nowhere more so than in the Fifteenth and last. Here are references to Wagner, to his own Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Symphonies - then, just as you were enjoying one of those teasing little danses macabres, a blast of William Tell bursts out from the brass.

Sir Georg Solu's lacerating rhythmic precision, and the momentum with which he drove Shostakovich's sequence of events and allusions, created a compelling longer view of the work. One left remembering the power of the whole.

The assurance with which he built towards the climax of the second movement, through a progression of fine solos from the London Symphony Orchestra's principals, was an important part of the process. And the tense, unquiet undertones which he maintained throughout the murmuring and pulsings of the final Adagio already scented out the total abstraction of the symphony's ending, where nothing but reverberation re-

As for all those worrying JOHN HIGGINS | quotations... the Lithuanian LSO/Solti Barbican

poet-in-exile, Czeslaw Milosz once wrote that, in order to live in a totalitarian regime, one must be either a schizophrenic or an actor. These, surely, are Shostakovich's last masks: the early memories of Rossini. whirling into big-top bravado in the prancing circus of life; the necessary ambiguities of pomp and circumstance, the brief but ubiquitous assertion of identity in the little DSCH signature tune, here as dark : and numb as it ever appears. In Charlotte Heliekant's performance, earlier in the

evening, of a selection of songs from Mahler's Des Knaben Wunderhorn, there could be little debate as to meaning. The Swedish mezzo-soprano gave a vividly projected performance, her idiosyncratically accented German lilting with the movement of her body in a folksy Rheinlegendchen and an almost caricatured Sermon to the Fishes. It was difficult for Hellekant to find either the vocal or spiritual stillness necessary for the visionary Urlicht, and she seemed only truly at ease again in the earthy little lable

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COVENTRY: Visit by English Touring Opera which brings two operatic treals to coun. The Marriage of Figure. Mozant's comic tale of britique and instalven identity alternetes with Bicet's exotic The Pearl Fishers, both promising eggin: The Feet Presents out promise enquisite music and speciable. Werwick Arts Centre, University of Werwick (01203 \$24524). Figaro tonight. Thus and Sat. 7 30pm. Pearl Fishers tomorrow and Fn, 7 30pm. HIGH WYCOMBE: Scottish Bellet makes a welcome appearance in the South with its acclaimed double-bill of La Sviprade, Boumonville's classic set

around a Scotland gion, and Troy Garne, a humorous look at mache oneupmarship. Wycombe Swan, St Mary Street (01494 512000) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm: mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm. MANCHESTER: Blue Murder, a new comedy by Peter Nichols, set in the 1960s in alarmingly dangerous

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Teresa Benhem continues to play Shakespeare's daughter, and Stephen Botter her Puntan inquisitor. Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2

(0171-494 5075). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. ☐ LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN: Brahsim Murray's production of Wilde down from Manchester for a len-week season. Gabrielle Drake plays the women with a past. Rebecca Johnson the virtuous wife without a mo

Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8900), Mon-Set, Spm. mats Thurs, 3cm. Set. Form. urs. 3pm, Set, 5pm. ☐ THE MAI Dublin proze rma Cerr, author of the haunting Manna Can, aumor or use reasons of Portla Coughtan. Four generations of women whose lives man have variously disrupted Nicolas Kent directs Tritoyole, 259 Kabum High Road, NW6 (0171-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mars d (May 21), 2pm, and Set, 4pm MARLENE: Siån Philips gives an attractive performance as the singer with the golden sheath dress. On the whole, more successful than Parn Gerns's play. Lyric, Sheltesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 50-45) Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed

Shrewsbury and an even madder Lord Chemberten's office. With Sara Crowe, Romy Besterville and Gordon Resd. Directed by Roger Heines Literary, St. Peter's Squere (1)161-238 7110] Mort-Thurs, 7 30pm; Fn and Sat, 8pm; mais Wed (May 7) and Sat (May 17), 3pm Urtil May 17

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king of country. shows his new versatility at the Albert Hall

Sebestyén

POP: Johnny Cash plays old and new; Mansun's showcase of hits; Marta Sebestyén is on song

Family day in the country

hree years ago, the career of country music legend Johnny Cash took an unex-pected turn. He teamed up with the hip metal and rap producer Rick Rubin and released the innovative American Recordings album, and also made a significant appearance at the 1994 Glastonbury Festival.

The Rubin partnership has continued with his latest album, Unchained, which again features songs by young musicians such as Beck, but, this time. Cash was back on the more familiar London ground

of the Albert Hall. The band appeared first, playing an instrumental ver-sion of I Walk the Line until half the auditorium was clapping along to it. Eventually, a lone spotlight heralded the appearance of Cash, dressed, as ever, entirely in black. His five-piece band featured his son John Carter Cash on guitar and drummer W.S. Holland, the man who played on the original version of Carl Perkins's Blue Suede Shoes, plus piano, stand-up double hass and additional guitar.

The early part of the two-hour set included old favourites such as Ring of Fire, but when Cash invited his former son-in-law Nick Lowe on stage and then let John Carter Cash take over for several songs, it was clear that this was primarily a family

pleted by June Carter Cash, who performed Jackson as a duet with her husband, before singing a medley of songs which she had learnt from her own famous country family. the Carters, including Wa-bash Cannonball and Will the Circle be Unbroken? Cash returned to the stage for the highlight of the evening

Johnny Cash Albert Hall

 a brilliant stretch of Kris Kristofferson's Sunday Morning Coming Down, then Tom Petty's Southern Accents and. best of all, Rusty Cage, which Chris Cornell wrote for his hand Soundparden - a grunge quartet from Seattle but which sounded as if it had

been writter just for Cash. Unlike, ay, Pat Boone, another 19: is icon, who recently recorded an album of heavy meta songs. Cash does what he does quite naturally, wrapping hat great voice around the ld songs, but also embracing new styles and interpreting them in his own

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At 65, Johnny Cash inspires, and is inspired by, a new generation of songwriters

Too clever for words

Mansun Kilburn National

MANSUN are not the sort of band to hang about. Since signing their record contract last year, they have scored a No I album, Attack of the Grey Lantern, and five hit singles, apparently without breaking sweat (their sixth, Taxloss, was released yesterday).

assured affair. Although in their early twenties, the four musicians from Chester were steeped in the stagecraft of an earlier generation. Lead guitarist Dominic Chad and bass player Stove struck heroic rock n roll poses reminiscent of their opposite numbers in The Clash, but toned down enough to play their parts with considerably greater accuracy. Singer and songwriter Paul Draper looked and sounded like a Damon Albarn understudy: cheekbones as angular as his vowels, lyrics and body language filtered through a truculent, smarter-than-thou attitude

There was no shortage of hits for them to draw on and favourites including Stripper Vicar and Mansun's Only Love Song soon had the crowd bouncing enthusiastically on the spot. But as the band worked their way through a well-paced, tightly organised set, nagging doubts crept to the surface. The stage was lit with exceptional skill, but their performance suffered from an amateur sound mix, the oppressively distorted boom of Andie Rathbone's double-bass drum overwhelming all other instruments, including the rest of the drum-

And for all the catchy appeal of numbers such as Egg Shaped Fred and their best song, Wide Open Space, ence and true emotional authority of contemporaries such as Radiohead and Longpigs, bands who do this sort of an sst-rock thing for real. You could not fault Mansun for the

performance, per se. But as they ended with a version of She Makes My Nose Bleed, climaxing with an onslaught of feedback and percussion effects. it seemed as if, rather like their irritatingly knowing song titles, what they had done best was to show us just how clever they are.

Nectar in

Barbican

ANYONE who bought a ticket to see Marta Sebestyen on the strength of her haunting voice on the soundtrack of The English Patient would have been left wanting more from this one-off London appearance. Sebestyén has one of the world's truly great voices but it all too sparingly, sharing the spotlight with her band Muzsikas and disappearing from the stage for long periods.

The band gave an almost workshop style performance, showcasing the rich and varied Hungarian folk tradition. With two fiddles, a viola and a double bass they performed a range of tunes drawing on the Ottoman, Hapsburg, Jewish and gypsy influences which have all contributed to the middle-European musical melting-pot.

turned dancers and Toni Arpad, an DAVID SINCLAIR ancient gypsy cimbalom player and

one of the few who remembers the lost Jewish music of Transylvania - lost because almost everyone who played it. failed to survive the Holocaust. It was a fascinating lesson in musical history with its moments of passion, particularly in a wild gypsy tune for violin and gardon, a Hungarian instrument looking like a cello but on which the strings are hit for percussive effect.

Yet during her lengthy absences from the stage, one could not help but long for Sebestyén's return. On last year's Kismet album she proved her versatility with songs from as far apart as Russia, India, Ireland and Greece. Here she restricted herself to the Hungarian tradition, but her control and emotional depth were still powerlly evident Rest of all — and no reflection upon the skill of Muzsikas were the unaccompanied numbers. Sebestvén's voice has so many cadences, you sometimes feel that other instruments merely clutter the beauty of a unique sound. She finished, of course, with Szerelem Szerelem. the impossibly romantic tune that Ralph Fiennes plays on the gramophone in the movie while wooing Kristin Scott Thomas. Even in the local cinema, the sound is awesome. To hear Sebestyén sing it live is unforgettable.

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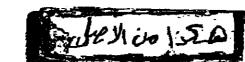
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hild prostitutes. some as young as 12, can be seen regularly on the streets of our cities. Recent reports by social workers and police officers. information presented at the Children's Society's national conference last month and the publication of an invaluable book Child Prostitution in Britain (edited by David Bar-rett, published by the Children's Society) have made the plight of these children known to many more people.

Though the facts have produced expressions of outrage and sympathy, not much progress has been made in providing effective remedies. in particular, the application of the laws covering this area is flawed. The civil law con-tained in the Children Act 1989 is significantly underused and the criminal law is being wrongly targeted at the children, rather than at those who

are exploiting them.

Child prostitution may be defined as the provision of sexual services by those under 18 in exchange for some form of payment, such as money, drugs, other consumer goods or even a bed for a night.

Information as to the prevalence of child prostitution in Britain is fragmentary. National data is unavailable, as is a national picture. A former president of the Association of Directors of Social Services has suggested that charities are exaggerating child prosti-tution in order to attract funds.

In a letter to The Times (March 8) Barry Sheerman, MP, challenged this view, based on information he had gathered from the police, university researchers and social workers. He called for a proper evaluation, speedily followedby steps to protect children from this particularly un-

We know that between 1989 and 1995, 2,380 cautions were issued and 1,730 convictions were secured in regard to those under 18 in England and Wales for offences relating to prostitution. It is probable that at least hundreds of children in Britain are involved in

Who are these children? A Council of Europe report in 1993 referred to emotionally damaged youngsters from broken homes, runaways, drug users and street children. Studies in Britain point to young runaways from their own homes and from placements in care. The Children's Society's 1994 study found that most ran away before the age of 16 and that one in seven of



these young people had pro-vided sex for money. Those involved preferred to refer to the experience as a "survival strategy" rather than

Keith Hellawell, the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, ias recently reterred to heroin addicts as young as 12 turning to prostitution. Half of all prostitutes are now thought to be drug addicts and the average age of prostitutes was

falling to about 17. There is increasing evidence to link childhood sexual abuse with prostitution. David Barrett of Luton University, a leading academic, says that "a perpetrator within a family may cause the young person to flee the family home to be exploited by other perpetrators (although even some parents 'work' their

children as prostitutes)". The law has an important role to play in this area. Internationally. Article 34 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, ratified by the UK and more than 180 other

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countries, places the responsibility on the individual country to protect children from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. This includes child prostitution and the exploitative use of children in pornographic performances

In 1995 the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva recommended that the Government should address the issue of sexual exploitation of children here as a matter of

Domestically, a vital role falls on local authorities. The Children Act 1989 provides them with sufficient powers to be able to try to deal with the plight of the child victims. The authorities have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are in need by providing an appropriate range and level of services. They must take reasonable steps to prevent children within their area

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investigate whether they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child who is in their area is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm.

They can, for instance, take care proceedings, including emergency steps, in respect of armoury is, unfortunately. being underused by many local authorities. They do not appear to be helping children

in any effective way.

The problems with the criminal law are different. The provisions have been enacted piecemeal with no overall strategy or co-ordination. Even where effective, they are being used against the children rather than against those who exploit and abuse them.

There are signs that some police forces now recognise that treating children as victims and not criminals is more likely to divert them from prostitution. There is now strong evidence that the policy should be one of prevention and that protection proce-

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Europe the key to new labour laws

uring the past 18 years, employment lawyers have never had it so good. Employment departments in law firms thrive, membership of associations such as the Industrial Law Society and Employment Lawyers' Association is on the increase, and there is no end to conferences and seminars on aspects of employment law.

This is a curious state of affairs. Apart from controls on the unions, where the Conservatives have legislated freely and dramatically. successive administrations since 1979 have been committed to the deregulation of employment law.

Although there have been some successes, such as the abolition of wages councils in the Wages Act of 1986, the goal of deregulation has largely been thwarted by the need to implement European labour law standards. The so-called opt-out from the Maastricht

treaty has not substantially affected this, because the bulk of legislative activity in the field of European labour law has concerned directives subscribed to long before Maastricht, often as a result of European Court of Justice rulings, such as the Acquired Rights Directive, Redundan-

Treatment Directive. What new employment laws can we expect after May 1? At first glance, both Conservative and Labour manifestos lack detail, although Labour has published a separate business manifesto.

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The Conservative manifesto JOHN McMULLEN leads with a proposal to curtail strikes in essential services. Legislation would be introduced to remove legal immunity from industrial action which has a disproportionate or excessive effect. Members of the public and employers would be able to take legal action in these circumstances.

Also, strike action would have to be approved by a majority of members eligible to vote (not just those voting) and ballots would have to be repeated at regular intervals if negotiations were extended. No change of philosophy here.

Of no surprise either is the pledge to continue to give the EU's Social Action programme a wide berth.

Finally, there is a pledge to negotiate exemption from the Working Time Directive. This last promise, the employment law equivalent of a call for a "beef war", is, in all likelihood, unachievable, notwithstanding the UK's threat of non-cooperation at the inter-governmental conference in Amsterdam in June. Some cynics have observed that fighting a law that guarantees a minimum holiday of four weeks per annum and hours without an employee's consent is Redundancy: The Law and Practice.

unlikely to be the most vote-catching of Tory

Labour's manifesto is equally brief. Gone are proposals such as part-time workers' rights: age discrimination: the review of the unfair dismissal qualifying period: the re-view of the unfair dismissal compensation cap of £11,300 and the end of abuse of zero hours and self-employment status contracts.

But will these detailed issues surface as concrete policy if Labour wins the election? Apart from the minimum wage and the commitment to training and reducing unemployment, the main manifesto also includes the right of employees to have their trade union recognised if a majority in the workplace vote for recognition — the most eye-catching of Labour's recent "business"

proposals.

The party has pledged, in the main, not to return to pre-1979 collective labour laws, and not to restore full immunity for industrial

action. But the return to compulsory recognition of trade unions is clearly old wine in a new bottle. There is already anecdotal

evidence of employer concern. But another view holds that compulsory recognition of trade unions may have less of an impact in the 1990s than in

For the purposes of transfer of undertakings, collective re-dundancies and the duty to consult the workforce on health and safety issues and the appointment of safety representatives, European law has meant that where an employer does not

consultation obligations must be discharged in favour of elected employee representatives (or, in health and safety, employees direct). Since March last year, non-unionised workplaces have been drawn into areas that

recognise a trade union, information and

previously only involved them if they recognised trade unions, so the impact of recognition may be less dramatic. Labour's manifesto for business adds one more item on the collective front. This is protection against unfair dismissal for all employees sacked while lawfully on strike -

an advance on the present law where only

those selectively dismissed may claim. Whatever the complexion of the next overnment, there is a substantial corpus of European labour law already binding in the UK. Its continued appraisal and re-interpretation by the European Court of Justice will mean that labour law will continue to be an evolving and dynamic subject irrespective of any party's domestic legislative agenda.

• Dr McMullen is National Head of Employment Law at Pinsent Curtis and Professor of Labour Law

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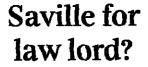
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opened the Centre for Corporate and Commercial Law in Cambridge University's law faculty. At 66, he is well off retiring age - but is thought, after 19 years on the Bench, to favour a change.

Women's scoop

WOMEN might not be making it to partnership level but the City of Westminster Law Society has managed to scoop the board at its annual dinner with other professions. All the after-dinner speakers - and most guests — were women, including Baroness Symons. former general secretary of the First Division Association. Mary Spillane, the US image consultant and Anne Fuller.

who chairs the Magistrates' Association. The idea was Sue Nelson's, the society's first woman president, who says there have been years when there was no woman speaker and even years "without a single woman official guest".

● Theodore Goddard reports that its Website, launched six months ago. has had more than 90,000 "hits". The firm's William James says that the page is popular with both law rms and other "surfers".

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• Ross Cranston, the London School of Economics professor fighting the safe Labour seat of Dudley North, is likely to

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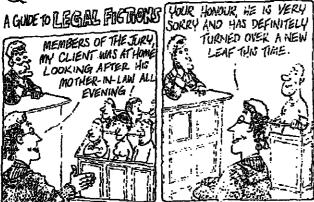
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September Qualifiers

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are also showing early interest in trainees. Areas include personal injury, insolvency, private client, corporate finance, banking commercial litigation, commercial property, construction and pensions. The smaller and medium-sized firms, too, will no doubt be offering firms too, will no notice or oriening jobs to trainees earlier than usual, but they are always behind the larger firms and are unlikely to interview condidates before hune/hily.

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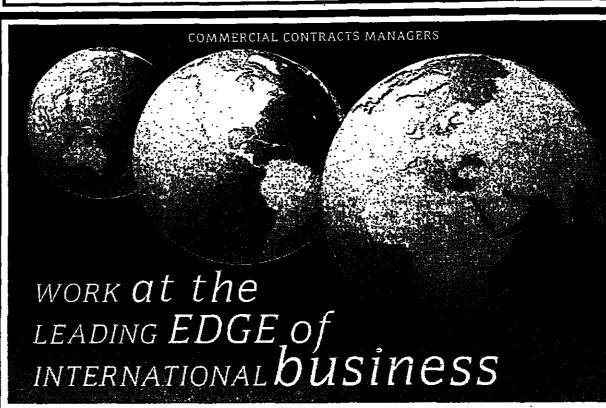
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Bogus 'official' party candidates should not be entitled to deceive the voters, says David Engel

An end to this literal democracy

he joke candidate has a long and not entirely dishonourable tradition in British politics. Similarly, there is a well trodden path followed by politicians who fall out with their local constituency association. They usually stand as, say, an "Independent Conservative" or 'Independent Labour".

This general election has, however, thrown up a different species, potentially far more damaging to the democratic process. Nominations closed on April lo. In several constituencies, candidates lodged nomination papers describing themselves in terms which, to a greater or lesser extent, misrepresented that they were the official candidate adopted and approved by one of the main political parties.

The imperus for this trend appears to have been the High Court decision in the Literal Democrat case in 1994. A Richard Huggett who stood in the last European Parliament elections described himself as the "Literal Democrat" candidate. Because names on a hallot paper are always in alphabetical order. Mr Huggen's name appeared before that of the official Liberal Democrat candidate. In the event Mr Huggett polled more than 10,000 votes. The genuine Liberal Democrat candidate was beaten by the Conservative candidate by less than 800 votes.

After the election, the High Court decided that the fact that some voters might by confused by a candidate's chosen words of description did not amount to a breach of the Parliamentary Election Rules in the Representation of the People Act 1983.

Mr Justice Dyson held that it was clear the rules did not prohibit candidates, whether out of spite or a wicked sense of fun. from describing themselves in a confusing way or indulging in spoiling tactics."

The decision appears to have given the green light to a number of candidates to exploit the present state of the law. On April 16 Sir Nicholas Walter Lyell, QC, the Attorney-General, sought an injunction to prevent a candidate standing against him as "Sir Nicholas Walter Lyell". This candidate

Conservative Party Candidate", as did the genuine Sir Nicholas Lyell.

The Attorney-General was successful. The court accepted that to adopt the same name as well as the same description as the official Conservative Party candidate was a "fraudulent design or contrivance" likely to "impede or prevent the free exercise of the franchise" contrary to Section 115(2)(b) of the Representation of the People Act. This is the first time that a private law injunction has been granted to one candidate against another

The Attorney-General's success prompted further applications to the High Court the next day. The charge was led by Robert Guy, the official Conservative candidate for

under Section 115(2).



Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, Attorney-General: the real one

Hove, who sought an injunction against a candidate describing himself as the "Official Hove Conservative Party Candidate". Mr Guy's nomination papers describe him as the "Official Conservative Party Candidate".

Sir Derek Spencer, the official Conservative candidate in the adjoining Brighton constituency. made an application in relation to the aforementioned Mr Huggett who sought to describe himself in Brighton as the "Official Conservative Party Candidate".

Mr Huggett is also standing in Winchester. But there he describes himself as the "Liberal Democrat Top Choice for Parliament" candidate. Unsurprisingly, the Lib Dems took exception. Labour complained

also described himself as "The about Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith's son who was standing in Hammersmith & Fulham under the slightly unexpected banner of "New Lab-

> What emerged from this rash of applications was that the court would be reluctant to order any candidate to change the description used. Mr Huggett was ordered to drop the use of the word "official" in Brighton, but where the applicant was unable to show clear evidence of deception, the court was unwilling to intervene. Equally, it would not intervene when the applicant was too late because the statement of persons nominated and or the ballot papers had been printed. The Labour Party was unsuccessful for that reason in Hammersmith & Fulham.

A number of applicants were also hit in the pocket. Even where they were partially successful, they were ordered to pay the legal costs of De-fendant Returning Officers (where the Returning Officer asked for them). But the main significance of last week's proceedings is that the court decided it did have jurisdiction to grant an injunction against a bogus "official" candidate where it was convinced that the candidate in question was using a fraudulent device or contrivance likely to deceive voters.

That is a novel development which in theory makes it easier for such candidates to be challenged, provided this is done before nominations are published and ballot papers printed.

The courts, however, lay down a strict timetable for delivery of papers, making it difficult in practice for a party candidate to know that he or she faces a bogus candidate in time to launch legal proceedings before logistics make it impossible for the court to inter-

An unsuccessful candidate can complain, in an election petition, to the court after the election. This may cure but cannot prevent electoral wrongdoing. The other difficulty is that an election petition can be brought only against the successful candidate, who is unlikely to be the fraudulent candidate. even if the latter has attracted



Joke: Lisa Lovebucket, standing for Hackney North & Stoke Newington

enough votes to have a material effect on the election outcome. Despite recent events, the law still appears to allow candidates to describe themselves on their nominations and ballot napers in such a way as to deceive voters into voting for them in the mistaken belief they are official party candidates.

But the problem with the current rules is that they are aimed rightly - at protecting the impartiality of the Returning Officer, who is responsible for accepting or rejecting nomination papers. He or she has little discretion to reject nomination papers, so long as the candidate is correctly identified by name and address. Clearly, the officer should not be put in a position where he or she might effectively be making a party political decision. But there should be stricter rules as to when a candidate may represent himself as the candidate approved and adopted by the political party in question. The logistical timetable could also be amended to give time for an application to the court before nominations are pub-

At present, courts are still largely tied by the state of the law. Mischievous candidates, or those whose aim is to deceive voters, can cause serious confusion sufficient to cause a miscarriage of democracy. This should be sorted out before the next election.

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Clamp down on highwaymen

Leonard Jason-Lloyd looks at

the laws covering people whose vehicles have been wheel-clamped

gramme World in Action recently highlighted concerns regarding the exploits of private wheel-clampers and portraved some of them as modernday highwaymen.

It is often asserted that under English law little, if anything, can be done by a person in charge of a vehicle immobilised in this way. This immediately leads to calls for yet another law to be passed to remedy the plight of people caught in this predicament.

But does the remedy already exist? I believe that it does. especially in some of the circumstances disclosed by the World in Action

First, there is the offence of blackmail under Section 21 of the Theft Act 1968 which, in this context, involves an unwarranted demand for money with menaces. Clearly, there is a demand for money accompanied by the threat that the vehicle will remain clamped unless that sum is paid and that a greater amount will accrue if the vehicle is towed away. The

only problem appears to be whether the courts would regard the threat as being justifiable.

In my view, when a private contractor wheel-clamps a vehicle that has been parked for only a few minutes and demands an exorbitant fee, it could be construed as being an unwarranted demand. This seems to be especially so in situations in which "no parking" or other warning signs are either non-existent or inadequate.

An alternative could be a prose cution under S.40 of the Administration of Justice Act 1970 which is the offence of unlawful harassment of debtors. Under \$.40 it will be an offence where a debt is due, but the person claiming it under a contract harasses the debtor by using methods calculated to cause him or her alarm, distress or humiliation. It may also be committed by falsely claiming that criminal proceedings can be taken for non-payment or if the defendant falsely represents that he or she is authorised to enforce payment in some official capacity or presents a document which gives the false impression that it is of an

The maximum sentence on conviction for blackmail is 14 years' imprisonment. It is also an arrestable offence

which means broadly that the police may arrest a person caught committing blackmail in this fashion or a person who has committed or is about to commit this offence. It also means that with the exception of the latter power and some fur ther restrictions, ordinary citizens may fence, although such action could be precarious and might better be left for the police to deal with. In contrast, unlawful harassment of debtors is triable summarily only and punishable by a maximum Level 5 fine (at

present £5,000). Also, it is not an arrestable offence so any action taken by the police will have to be by way of a summons unless they grounds to arrest under \$.25 of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (general arrest conditions such as failure to provide satisfactory particulars).

What would be the reaction of extortionate wheel-clampers if motorists affected by their exploits sought the help of the police, who in turn had to take action either under the law on blackmail or unlawful harassment of debtors?

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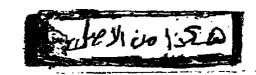
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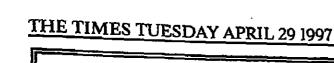
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Electoral support is relevant

Regina v British Broadcasting Corporation and Another, Ex parte Referen-

dum Party Before Lord Justice Auld and Mr Justice Popolewell

[Reasons April 24] It was not irrational for a broadcaster to include previous electoral support in its general criteria for allocating party election broad-

casts to political parties. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when giving re-served reasons for having dismissed on April 18 an application for judicial review of the decisions of the BBC and the Independent Television Commission to allocate the applicant only one five-min respective television networks.

The applicant was a political party founded in 1994. It was fielding 547 candidates in the 1997 election, claimed to have written pledges of support from about 200,000 potential electors, and to have 3 per cent appeared

upport in the polls.
It had been allocated by both the respondents only one five-minute brnadcast on each network, in contrast to the allocation to the of five five-minute slots and to the

applicant sought judicial review of the allocation on the ground, inter alia, that it was irrational because the respondents had included past electoral support in their criteria for allocating broadcasts, which a new party could not show, and had failed to take account of the electoral size and support, in particular the large number of its candidates.

Mr Geoffrey Robertson, QC and Mr Gavin Millar for the Referendum Party: Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Paul Goulding for the BBC: Mr Christopher Clarke. QC and Mr Mark Shaw for the ITC; Mr William Wood for the Independent Television Association.

LORD JUSTICE AULD, giving the judgment of the court, said that secure that their programmes prerespondents had been given a wide discretion as to the rules they could make, inter alia, in relation to the allocation of broadcasts, to ensure that that obligation was fulfilled.

Both respondents either in their guidelines or as a matter of practice included in their criteria for allocating broadcasts a threshold requirement of 50 candidates which entitled a party to at least one broadcast, and, for further toral support.

His Londship said, referring to Lynch v BBC ([1983] NI 193) and ing Authority (1979 SC 351), that impartiality in the context of allocating broadcasts was not to be equated with parity or balance as between political parties of different strengths, popular support

it meant fairness of allocation having regard to those factors, yet making allowance for any significant current changes in the political arena and for the potential effect of the powerful medium of elevision itself in advancing or hindering such changes.

Accordingly, the court did not find that the inclusion of previous electoral support as part of the broadcasters' general criteria irrational. His Lordship said that where it existed, it was obviously a relevant consideration, although only one, for assessing the current strength of a political party relative in that of others.

Clearly, it would be absurd for broadcasters to allow it to be determinative or to regard it as a pre-condition for allocation of ore than one broadcast, but that was not the case here. Where no previous electoral support existed the broadcasters had to consider

party relied to show its current and potential strength and entitlement to further allocation, which the court had found the respondents

The application of the criteria by the respondents in the present case had been reasonable. The weight they gave to matters such as number of candidates and current levels of support was a matter for them. The court should not intervene unless it was of the view that they were irrational in assessing those matters.

His Lordship also referred to submissions as to the BBC's susceptibility to judicial review. That was not a matter the court had to determine on the present application but it was, in their Lordships view, possible that an obligation undertaken contractually to the Government to treat subjects of, inter alia, political controversy with impartiality would be regarded as "goverrumental" as defined in R v Jockey Club, Ex parte Aga Khan ([1993] WLR 909) and therefore suscep the Government's policy on a matter of public concern whether

in statute or contractual form. Solicitors: Peter Carter-Ruck &

Education decision was irrational

Regina v East Sussex County Council, Ex parte T Before Mr Justice Keene [Judgment April 23] In deciding what educational pro-

vision was suitable under section 298 of the Education Act 1993 regard was to be had to the individual character of the child in nuestion rather than to the local authority's financial resources, although resources were relevant in deciding between different forms of suitable provision.

Mr Justice Keene so held in the Oueen's Bench Division in allowing the application of T, by her mother and next friend, for certiorari to quash the decision of East Ts home tuition from five to three hours a week.

The applicant had been diagnosed as suffering from ME. She was unable to attend school for the great majority of the time and in May 1992 she began to receive five hours a week of home tuition from the local authority.

In early 1996 it became apparent that the government assessment for education spending by the local authority was around £3,000,000 short of expected spending and spending on home tuition was cut by three-quarters.

The applicant's parents were told in a meeting with local

10. 1996 that only three hours of tutoring a week would be provided because of financial constraints. Section 298 of the 1993 Act, now section 19 of the Education Act education authority shall make

arrangements for the provision of suitable full-time or part-time edu-cation at school or otherwise than at school for those children . . . who ... may not for any period receive such suitable education unless such arrangements are made for

young person, means efficient education suitable education", in relation to a child or ability and aptitude and to any special educational needs he may

Mr Tim Kerr for the applicant:

MR JUSTICE KEENE said that Mr Kerr had put his case in a number of different ways such as taking account of an irrelevant consideration or making a decision for improper purposes or irrationality. One could not, he suggested, take resources into account. Suitability in section 298 made no reference to local authority means. R v Gloucestershire (The Times March 21, 1977; [1997] 2

WLR 4591 was distinguished by Mr Kerr on the basis that it concerned the construction of section 2(1) of the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970. He submitted that the right to education was of a higher kind than the right, as in Barry, to a benefit.

In Barry Lord Clyde had said (at and 'needs' ... are not defined in the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970 ... In deciding whether there is a necessity to mee needs the individual some criteria have to be provided. In the framing of the criteria to be applied it seems to me that the severity of the of a condition may have to be matched against the

availability of resources His Lordship considered that the position under section 298 was different from that in Barry. Section 298(1) proposed a duty when issues arose but it was not left at large by Parliament.

Section 298(7) expressly provided a list for when suitability was to be determined. Suitability under section 298 was intended by Parliament as an individual concept related to the character of the particular child

The term "suitable education was to be used in a similar way throughout the 1993 Act. It must therefore be an objective test and not one that varied according to the

means of the provider; otherwise one could envisage the rights of the child being whittled away entirely. Of course what amounted to child's age and needs reflected what was being provided schools in their area for children in that area with such aptitudes.

That was not the same thing as account. The local authority was not allowed to do that.

give a child an advantage.

That did not mean resources were wholly irrelevant under section 298. There might be more than one way of providing a suitable education in deciding which a local authority could properly have reference to financial resources.

In the present case financial considerations were taken into account. When it did that the local authority was not choosing be-tween different arrangements. There was no provision to make up for the lost two hours. It followed the local authority

took into account an immateria consideration in deciding what was suitable education and that decision could not stand. Moreover, the decision was arrived at in such a way as to be irrational. Wells & Solicitors: Bates

Goodbody, Brighton.

Others v News Group News-Before Mr Justice Lloyd [Judgment April 25]

Objects and people arranged in a scene for photographs for an album sleeve was not capable of being a copyright work within the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988, but the taking of unauthorised photographs of the scene was arguably in breach of confidentiality.

Mr Justice Lloyd so held in the Chancery Division, granting an interlocutory injunction until trial or further order to the plaintiffs. Creation Records Ltd. who had a licence agreement in relation to the United Kingdom recordings of Oasis, Sony Music Entertainment (UK) Ltd. who had a recording contract with the group and Mr Noel Gallagher, lead guitarist with Oasis and deviser of the art work for the album sleeve, against the defendant, News Group News-papers Ltd to restrain them from further publication unauthorised photographs ready published in The Sun.

Mr Nicholas Merriman. QC and Mr Richard Edwards for the intiffs; Mr Kevin Garnett, QC,

MR JUSTICE LLOYD said that the action arose out of arrangements to take photographs for the cover of a forthcoming album by Oasis. The photographs were to be of the Stocks Country Club Hotel,

Hertfordshire, on April 16. The swimming pool was drained, a white Rolls Royce lowered into it and other objects were delivered. Mr Noel Gallagher supervised the positioning of objects and members of the oup around the partially filled pool. Photographs were taken by an official photographer over sev eral hours. Mr Gallagher chose one for the album.

Although secrecy was essential, some local fans turned up at the hotel and a freelance photographer was booked into the hotel by The Sun. Some fans had cameras. They were allowed to take photo graphs before the shoot.

The Sun photographer took some during the shoot and then left. One of his photographs was chosen by Mr Gallagher. That and two others were published in The Sun on April 17, then again on April 18 with a poster offer to llow. On April 19 readers were invited to send £1.99 for a glossy poster of the world exclusive picture of the new Oasis album

The plaintiffs were granted an ex injunction on April 21 and parte injunction on April 21 and applied for an interlocutory injunction restraining publication until trial on the basis of breach of Copyright was claimed in the

holstery (Lancs) Ltd ([1976] AC 64) and Shelley Films Ltd v Rex Features Ltd (1994) EM LR 134).

examples of installation art gen-erally. The plaintiffs' case based on

scene itself, primarily as an artistic work either of sculpture or collage within section 4(1)(a) of the 1988 Act or as a work of artistic craftsman-

ship within section 4(1)(c). It was not seriously arguable that the process of assembling disparate objects with members of the group had anything in common with sculpture: see Breville Europe plc v Thorn EMI Domestic Appliances Ltd ([1995] FSR 77), or artistic craftsmanship: see George Hensher Ltd v Restavile Up-

As for collage, a subject of existence being in the form of a photographic image and accordwas materially different from Carl Andre's bricks and

copyright new to English law in the 1988 Act involved as an essential element the sticking of two or more things together. The instant composition was intrinsically ephemeral, its continued

copyright was not sufficiently arguable to grant an injunction. Mr Merriman's contentions that

the unauthorised photograph was a copy of the official photograph, or that Mr Gallagher was the owner of the copyright in the unauthorised photograph as the person who created it within

sections 9(1) and 11(1) were rejected. In the alternative, Mr Merriman submitted that there was a seriously arguable case that the unauthorised photograph was taken in breach of confidentiality. Mr Garnett submitted, correctly. that merely because a well known person tried to stop people taking photographs of him or her, it did not follow that any photograph taken was in breach confidentiality.

That was far from this case.

Although as a hotel guest The Sun photographer and others were lawfully at the scene, that did not mean they were free to take photographs. A photograph was different in kind, not merely degree, from a sketch which could lawfully have been drawn from memory. It was the photographic

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confidential. It was well arguable that the nature of the operation, together with the imposition of security measures made it an occasion o confidentiality, at any rate as

regards photography it was arguable that The Sun photographer conducted himself surreptitiously. If so it was easy to infer he did so because he knew that photography was not permitted and that he was allowed to

remain only on that basis. A sufficient case of breach of confidence had been made out. Damages were not an adequate remedy for the plaintiffs.

The fact that millions of copies of the newspaper had contained the photograph was not of itself a reason to restrain the different type of publication arising from the poster offer: see Gilbert v Star Newspaper Co (Ltd) ((1894) II TLR 4). An interim injunction was granted to restrain further publication of the picture on the basis of breach of confidentiality.

Solicitors: Russells: Farrer & Co.

Court cannot rewrite will

In re Jones, deceased Jones v Midland Bank Trust Company Ltd and Others Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Henry and Sir Patrick

(Judgment April 17) The unlawful killing of a testatrix

by her son preventing him from benefiting under the terms of her will did not entitle the court to rewrite the will, speculating as to what the testatrix's wishes might

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the second defendant, Alan J. Perry, the person entitled to benefit on the deceased's intestacy, from the judgment on September 22, 1995. on a preliminary issue arising on an originating summons under the Forfeiture Act 1982 by the plaintiff, Robert Jones, the deceased's soo, by Judge Weeks, QC, sitting as a judge of the High Court.

The judge had construed the will of Mrs Heather Jones, deceased, as taking effect as if she had been deceased by her son with the effect that her residuary estate was held for her nephews, the second and third defendants, Michael and Steven Amphlett.

Mr Stephen Eyre for Mr Perry;

Mr Ulick Staunton for Midland Bank Trust Company Ltd. the executors: Mr Nigel Meares, who did not appear below, for Michael and Steven Amphlett: Miss Jayne LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said

deceased directed her estate to be

Jones, and in the event of his predeceasing her "for such of my rephews ... as shall be living at

the date of my death". in July 1991 Mrs Jones was killed by her son who was subsequently convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to three years probation.

It being indisputable, subject to any order under the Forfeiture 1982 Act, that the gift in favour of Robert Jones could not take effect. the issue was whether Mrs Jones's estate passed under the gift over to the nephews or devolved as on her intestacy. The judge decided in favour of the nephews and Mr

Perry now appealed. The point, a short one, was covered by authority which, even if great persuasive force. The first. In re Robertson, deceased ((1963) 107 Sol J 318), was a decision of Mr Justice Karminski that Judge Weeks recognised was directly in point and, for practical purposes, indistinguishable. He declined to

The next was In re Sinclair. deceased ([1985] Ch 446, CA), a case concerning the analogous pro-vision contained in section 18A(1)(b) of the Wills Act 1837, as amended by section 18 of the Administration of Justice Act 1982, that where a testator was divorced after having made his will, any devise or bequest to his former spouse should lanse.

in that case, Lord Justice Slade said (at p455) said that it was not "onen to the court to rewrite the

will by adding other specific contingencies to those clearly ex-pressed in [the will] on the basis of mere intelligent speculation as to what the testator might have intended if his marriage were to end in divorce." Judge Weeks was of the opinion that that case was distinguishable.

The third case, not cited to the judge was In re Hunter's Erec-utors, Petitioners (1992 SLT 1141), a decision of the Second Division the Inner House of the Court of

Judge Weeks based his judgment on necessary implication, stating: Robert Jones killed his mother, and I think in the circumstances of this case the right inference to draw from the wording of the will is that the testatrix, if asked, would have said: 'Of course. if he is to murder me, then my estate is to go to . . . my nephews'. That view was wrong, It in volved a degree of speculation which was not permissible in the construction of wills. The event provided for by the deceased was clear and certain and it did not occur. The gift over could not take

Mr Perry's appeal should be allowed and a declaration made that the executors hold the de-ceased's residuary estate upon intestacy of the deceased. Lord Justice Henry and Sir

Patrick Russell agreed.
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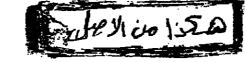
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Stokes, T (Ind) Delete: Hatrison, R (Ref) BLACKBURN BlackBukh Batchelor, W (CSSPP) Carmichael-Grimshaw, Mrs M Wingfield, Ms T (Nat Dem) Drummond, Mrs H (Soc Lab) BLACKPOOL NORTH & FLEETWOOD

BLACKPOOL SOUTH Delete: Cato, M (Loony) BLAYDON Rook, R (Ind Lab) **BOLTON NORTH EAST** Kelly, W (Soc Lab) Delete: Tong, P (NLP) **BOLTON WEST** Kelly, Mrs D (Soc Lab) Delete: Jump, H (NLP)

Glover. P (Soc) BOURNEMOUTH EAST Delete: Barratt, T (NLP) **BOURNEMOUTH WEST** Morse, J (BNP) Delete: Springham, A (NLP)

BRACKNELL Tompkins, J (N Lab) BRADFORD WEST Osborne, G (BNP) Shah, S (SOC) Khan, A (Soc Lab) BRAINTREE

Abbott, J (Green Ref) Nolan, M (New Way) BRENT EAST Warrilo, Ms C (Dream) Jenkins, D (NLP) Keable, S (Soc Lab) **BRENT NORTH** Clark, G (Dream

BRENT SOUTH Mahaidar, Ms A (NLP) Howard, C (Dream) Delete: Ahmed. M (NLP **BRIGHTON KEMPTOWN** Williams, Ms H (Soc Lab) Darlow, R (Dream) **BRIGHTON PAVILION** Card, A (Dream) Huggett, R (Ind c) Dobbs, B (SG)

Delete: Draycott, C (NLP)

BRISTOL EAST Williams, P (Soc Lab) **BRISTOL NORTH WEST** Shorter, G (Soc Lab) BRISTOLSOUTH Taylor, L (Glow)

DAGENHAM

DARTFORD

DAVENTRY

Gordon, J (LD)

DERBY NORTH

DERBY SOUTH

Walters, J (Pro Life)

Delete: Berenyl, A (Loony) Delete: Waters, J (Pro Life) Delete: Crompton, I (UK Ind)

DERBYSHIRE SOUTH

DERBYSHIRE WEST

Kyslun, M (Ind BB) Meynell, G (Ind Green)

Delete Langmead T (Loony)

DONCASTER CENTRAL

Delves, N (Loony)

DEVON NORTH

Taylor, Ms F (BNP) Daniel, D (Ind Lab

DEWSBURY

DON VALLEY

Johnson, C (PL)

Ball, N (Soc Lab)

DORSET WEST

DOWN NORTH

DOWN SOUTH

Morrice, J (NI Wom Mooney, R (NIP)

DUDLEY NORTH

Cartwright, G (NF)

Darby, S (Nat Dem) Athenon, M (Soc Lab)

DULWICH & WEST

NORWOOD Rizz, Captain (Rizz)

Robertson, L (SSA)

Delete Mckillop. J (NLP)

Ward, Ms M (SSA) Delete Kennedy, H (NLP)

DUMBARTON

DUNDEE EAST

DUNDEE WEST

EALING ACTON &

Edwards, W (Ch P) Beasley, C (Glow)

Gilbert, J (Soc Lab)

EASINGTON Colborn, S (SPGB)

Hardy, G (Nat Dem) Khan, I (Soc Lab)

Delete Calligaro, R (NLP)

Delete Grenville, M (NLP)

Delete Sutherland, R (NLP)

EAST HAM Smith. C (BNP)

EAST LOTHIAN

FASTBOURNE

EASTWOOD

EALING SOUTHALL

Danon, P (PL)

SHEPHERD'S BUSH

Duke, H (SSA)

Mckeon, R (NLP) Delete O'Leary, D (NLP)

Kenny M (Soc Lab)

DONCASTER NORTH

DEVON EAST Needs, G (Nat Dem)

McHale, P (BNP)

Pollit, J (Ch D) Homden, P (FDP)

Binding, W (BNP)
Dawson, R (Ind)
Hipperson M (Nat Dem)

Marshall, I (Soc) **BRISTOL WEST** Nurse, R (Soc Lab) Slater, B (Ref) **BROMLEY & CHISLEHURST** Speed, Ms F (Gm) Stoneman, M (NF) BROXBOURNE Cheetham, B (3rd) Bruce, D (BNP) BURNLEY

Delete: Oakley, R (Ref) BURTON Sharp, K (Nat Dem) BURY ST EDMUNDS Ereira-Guyer, M (Lab)

CALDER VALLEY Jackson, C (BNP) CAMBERWELL & PECKHAM Barker, Ms J (Soc) Ruddock, Ms A (Soc Lab) Earnes, C (WRP) Delete: Ansong, P F (NLP) CAMBRIDGE CAMBRIDGESHIRE NORTH

Bennett, S (Soc Lab) CAMBRIDGESHIRE NORTH WEST Wyatt, B (UK Ind) CAMBRIDGESHIRE SOUTH

Lamb, C (Fair) Delete: Coghill, C (Loony) CANNOCK CHASE Hurley, W (N Lab) Conroy, M (Soc Lab) CARDIFF CENTRAL CARDIFF SOUTH & PENARTH

Shepherd, M (Soc) CARLISLE Mayho, C (LD) CARSHALTON AND WALLINGTON Richle, G (BNP) Cook, G (UK Ind) CASTLE POINT Kendall, Mrs L D (Ind)

CHARNWOOD Palmer, M (BNP) CHATHAM & AYLESFORD CHEADLE Delete: Harriss, A (PL) CHELTENHAM Hanks, K (Loony) Brighouse, Ms S (NLP) Harriss, Ms A (PL) CHESTER, CITY OF

Gerrard, J (WCC) CHESTERFIELD Scarth, N (Ind OAP) CHICHESTER Smith, C (Lab) CHINGFORD AND WOODFORD GREEN Gould, A (BNP) CHIPPING BARNET

Dirksen, Ms D (NLP) CITIES OF LONDON AND WESTIMINSTER Wharton, Ms P (Barts) Sadowitz, J (Dream) Webster, G (Hemp) Walsh, N (Loony) **CLWYD WEST** Richard, R (CVTY) CLYDESDALE

Smith, K (BNP) Delete Barnett, G (NLP) COATBRIDGE AND Delete: Henderson, M (NLP) COLCHESTER Basker, Ms L (NLP) COLNE VALLEY

Bradley, R (Alt LD) CORBY Bence, Ms J (NLP) CORNWALL NORTH Bolitho, J (Meb Ker) CORNWALL SOUTH EAST Hartley, Ms M (NLP) Dunbar, P (Meb Ker)

CONWY

COVENTRY NORTH EAST Sidwell, C (Dream) Khamis, H (Soc Lab) COVENTRY NORTH WEST Francis, L (Dream) Spencer, D (Soc Lab) COVENTRY SOUTH

Nellist, D (Soc) Astbury, J (BNP) Bradshaw, Ms A-M (Dream) CRAWLEY Kahn, A (JP) Delete: Bradshaw, R (NLP) CROYDON CENTRAL Woollcott, J (UK Ind) CROYDON SOUTH Ferguson, P (BNP) Samuel, M (Choice

CUMBERNAULD & KILSYTH McEwan, K (SSA) Delete: Mair, P (NLP) CUNNINGHAME NORTH McDaid, Ms L (Soc Lab) **CUNNINGHAME SOUTH** Edwin, K (Soc Lab) Martiew, A (Ref)

EDINBURGH CENTRAL Delete Reid, D (NLP) EDINBURGH EAST & MUSSLEBURGH Delete Coyne, M (Grn) EDINBURGH NORTH & LEITH Douglas-Reid, P (NLP) Brown, G (SSA) Delete Maling, P (NLP) **EDINBURGH PENTLANDS** Dunn, B (NLP) **EDINBURGH SOUTH** Dunn. B (NLP) Delete Pringle. T (NLP) EDINBURGH WEST Jack, A (AS) EDMONTON ENFIELD NORTH Griffin, Ms J (BNP) ENFIELD SOUTHGATE Storkev, A (Ch P) Malakouna, A (Mali Delete Swain, B (UK Ind) **FPPING FOREST** Simmons, M (Soc Lab) ESHER & WALTON Kay, Ms S (Dream) EXETER

Meakin. J (UKPP) FALMOUTH & CAMBORNE Geach. J (Ind Lab) Lewarne, Ms R (Meb Ken) FAREHAM
O'Brien, W (Ind No)
Delete Chapman, M (UK Ind)
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AVERSHAM & KENT MID Morgan, Ms C (GRLNSP) FELTHAM & HESTON Delete Saggar, S (UK Ind) FIFE CENTRAL Rees-Mogg, J (C) Delete Murray, F (C) FOLKESTONE & HYTHE Saint R (CFS5) Segal, E (Soc)

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Paimer, C (21st Cent) Morgan, G (Ind Dean) Porter, S (Ind F)

FOYLE Delete Davidson, A (UU)

GALLOWAY & UPPER NITHSDALE Wood, R (Ind) Delete Kerr. GILLINGHAM Jury, C (BNP) GLASGOW ANNIESLAND Pringle, T (NLP) Bonnar, W (SSA) Delete Dunachie, E (NLP) GLASGOW BAILLIESTON McVicar, J (SSA) Delete Dunachie, E (NLP) **GLASGOW CATHCART** Stevenson, R (SSA) Delete Hastle, M (NLP) GLASCOW GOVAN

White, J (BNP) Abbasi, ZJ (SCU) Badar, I (SLI) Paton, P (SLU) McCombes, A (SSA) GLASGOW KELVIN Green. A (SSA) Vanni, V (SPGB) GLASGOW MARYHILL Baker, Ms M (SSA) Johnstone, S (SEP) GLASCOW POLLOK Sheridan, T (SSA) Delete Hall. A (NLP) GLASGOW RUTHERGLEN

Kane, Ms R (SSA) Delete Kennedy, G (NLP) **GLASGOW SHETTLESTON** McVicar, C (SSA Graham, J (WRP) Delete Gilmour. D (NLP) GLASGOW SPRINGBURN GOSPORT Ettie, P (Ind)

GOWER Popham, A (FP) Delete Thomas, R (Loony) GRAVESHAM Leyshon, a (NLPC) **GREENWICH & WOOLWICH** Martin-Eagle, D (Constit Mallone, R (Fellowship) GUILDFORD Morris, J (Pacifist)

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Goldman, M (Comm Brit)
Betts, T (N Lab)
Goldberg, M (NLP)
Rogers, B (WRP) HALESOWEN & ROWLEY REGIS Meeds. Ms K (Nat Dem)

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Carroll, R (Dream) Harris, J (Hum) Bowles, J (BNP) HARROGATE & KNARESBOROUGH Blackburn, J (LC) HARWICH Knight, R (CRP) Hastings & Rye Delete Moor, I (NLP) HAVANT Atwal, Major (BIPF)

HAYES & HARLINGTON Farrow, D (ANP) Hutchins, J (NF) HAZEL GROVE Firkin-Flood, D (Ind Hum) HENDON Taylor, Ms S (WRP) HENLEY Hibbert, T (Whig) HERTFORD & STORTFORD Speller. S (Lab) Delete Harbourne. D (Lab) HERTFORDSHIRE SOUTH WEST Delete Fitzsimons, B (UK Ind)

HITCHIN & HARPENDEN HOLBORN & ST PANCRAS Rosenthal, M (Dream) Rice-Evans. P (EUP) Smith, S (JP) Bedding, T (NLP) Quintavalle, B (PL) Conway, B (WRP) HORNCHURCH HORNSEY & WOOD GREEN Sikorski. P (Soc Lab) HORSHAM Corbould, M (FEP) HOVE

Furness. J (Ind C) HUNTINGDON Hufford, Ms V (Ch D) Robertson, D (Ind) Delete Suich, D (Loony) RHYMNEY Cowdell (O Lab) HYNDBURN MIDDLESBROUGH Delete Curry, T (UK Ind) ILFORD NORTH

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Parliament, P (Hearl)
Bear, E (Teddy Bear)
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Delete Young, E (NLP) LIVERPOOL GARSTON Parsons, J (NLP) Nolan, S (SEP) LIVERPOOL RIVERSIDE Braid. D (MRAC) Wilson, Ms C (Soc) LIVERPOOL WALTON Mahmood, L (Soc) LIVERPOOL WAVERTREE Corkhill, C (WRP) LIVINGSTON Culbert, M (SPGB) Delete Black, G (NLP) LLANELLI Willock, J (Soc Lab)

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PRESTON Delete: Bostock, J (UK Ind) PUTNEY Poole, Ms A (Beaut) Van Braam, D (Ren Dem) Yardly, M (Spts All) Belge, L (Stan)

READING EAST Packer, Ms B (BNP) READING WEST Dell, I (BNP) REGENTS PARK & KENSINGTON NORTH Sadowitz, Ms D (Dream) REIGATE Higgs. R (Ind) RICHMOND PARK Delete: Wedgwood D D (UK

Davles, P (Dream) ROCHDALE Bergin, G (BNP) Mohammed, S (IZB Party) ROMFORD

Carey. M (BNP) ROSSENDALE & DARWEN Wearden, A (BNP) RUISLIP NORTHWOOD RUSHCLIFFE Maszwska, Ms A (NLP)

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Tay, Ms E (PL)
Kent, Ms T (SEP)
Anglin, C (WRP)
Delete Laud, D (C) Curnstey, R (Ref) Herman, Ms S (NLP) Delete Chadwick, J (Ref) TRURO & SI AUSTELL Robinson, Mrs D (Grn) Hicks, D (Meb Ker)

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Murphy, D (Lab) Besi, Dr N (Grn) Delete Thompson, J (Lab)

Kennet, Ms M (Grn) Tolstoy-Miloslausky, Count M

WARRINGTON SOUTH

WANSBECK

WANTAGE

VAUXHALL

UXBRIDGE

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St IVES Hitchins, W (Ethos)

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SUTTON COLDFIELD Delete Bray, R (NLP) SWANSEA EAST Job. R (Soc) SWANSEA WEST Proctor, D (Soc Lab) SWINDON SOUTH

TATTON Muir, J (Albion) Bishop, D (Byro) Hill, S (Ind) Nicholas, R (Ind) Kinsey, S (Ind) Price, J (Juice) Penhaul, B (Miss M) TAUNTON

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Bailey-Bond, D (Dream)
Husband, Mrs A (Ref)
Delete Huntingdon, M (UK

TORBAY Wild, P (Dream) Delete Rowe, J (Loony) TOTNES Venmore, C (Loc C) Cook, Ms P (Ref) Golding, J (Dream)

Delete Harper, C L (UK Ind) WIGAN Charman, R (Route 66)

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Heath, M (NLP)

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KEY TO THE PARTIES

Major parties: C - Conservative; Lab - Labour: Lab Co-op - Labour Co-operative; LD - Liberal Democrat; PC - Plaid Cymru: SNP - Scottish National Party; Green - Green; UUP - Ulster Unionist Party; DUP -Major parties: C - Conservative; Lab - Labour; Lab Co-op - Labour Co-operative; LD - Liberal Democrat; PC - Plaid Cymru; SNP - Scottish National Party; Green - Green; UUP - Ulster Unionist Party; DUP - Democratic Unionist Party; SDLP - Social Democratic and Labour Party; SF - Sinn Fein; Alliance - Alliance: WP - Workers' Party. Minor parties: 21st Cent-21st Century Independent Foresters; Albion - Albion Democratic Unionist Party; SDLP - Social Democratic and Labour Party; SF - Sinn Fein; Alliance - Alliance: WP - Workers' Party. Minor parties: 21st Cent-21st Century Independent Foresters; Albion - Albion Democratic Unionist Party; BLP - Social Democratic Party; Brain - Anti-sleaze Labour; Bl Lab - Anti-sleaze Labour; Bl Lab - Alti-sleaze Labour; Bl Ind - Beaconsfield Ind, Unity Through Electoral Reform; Bert - Berties Party; BHMBCM - Black Haired Medium Build Caucasian Male; BDP - British Democratic Party; Brain - Building a Fair Society; By-pass - Newbury By-pass stop British Freedom and Individual Rights: Home Rule - British Home Rule: BIPF - British Isles People First Party; BNP - British National Party; Pair - Building a Fair Society; By-pass - Newbury By-pass stop British Freedom and Individual Rights: Home Rule - British Home Rule: BIPF - British Isles People First Party; BNP - British Nationalist: Ch P - Christian Party; Ch U - Christian Unity; CSSPP - Common and Individual Rights: Charter For Basic Rights; Ch D - Christian Democratic Ch Nat - Christian Nationalist: Ch P - Christian Party; Ch U - Christian Unity; CSSPP - Common Now; Care - Care in the Community; Rights - Charter For Basic Rights; Ch D - Christian Democratic Party; Ch School Party; Comm Lge - Communist League; Comm Brit - Community Party in Party; Party; Democratic Party; Ind Hum - English Independent Humanist Party; EUP - Former Captain NI Football Team: FP - Freedom Party; FEP - Full Furonesa Unity Party; FDP - Fancy Dress Party; Fellowship - Fellowship Party for Peace and Justice; Dynamic - First Dynamic Party; NIFT - Former Captain NI Conservatory; Constit - Constitutionalist, Cross-Country Field and Statisting Sports, Divide Democratic Planty; FDP - English Democratic Party; Individed Planty; FEP - Full European Unity Party; FDP - Fancy Dress Party; Fellowship Party for Peace and Justice; Dynamic Party; NIFT - Former Captain NI Football Team; FP - Freedom Party; FEP - Full European Unity Party; FDP - Fancy Dress Party; Fellowship Party for Peace and Justice; Dynamic Party; NIFT - Former Captain NI Football Team; FP - Freedom Party; 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England bank on a Neville in credit

Oliver Holt, football correspondent, meets a defender who, it seems, can do no wrong

There is a story about bey, as England prepared for Gary Neville that spread like wildfire through the ranks of the journalists who follow the England football team but was barely reported. It concerns an event that happened almost a year ago, and is still related with the sense of disbelief and wonderment usually reserved for the most salacious of

Like all the best stories, it has a shock value capable of shaking one's perceptions of the sport and its protagonists. Like most of the sleaziest episodes that footballers get themselves dragged into, it happened on an England trip abroad and, to complete the picture, a photographer was on hand to provide evidence.

In fact, the photographer was integral to the story. A touch overweight and loaded down with cameras, he was toiling his way along the Great Wall of China with those among the England party on last spring's ill-fated tour of China and Hong Kong who had bothered to make the trip. Neville, sensing he was in discomfort, suddenly appeared at his shoulder and offered to carry his cameras

for the remainder of the walk. That is it. Short and sweet. A young England football player behaving with undue courtesy towards a member of the media he did not know and. while he was at it, impressing everyone with his articulacy. common-sense and maturity. It is sensationalist, admittedly, stretching credibility, perhaps, but those who were there swear it is not apocryphal.

the World Cup qualifying tie against Georgia tomorrow. Neville was at it again, causing more raised eyebrows by refusing to hide behind clichés, insisting on straight answers and generally exud-ing a level of modesty most unbecoming for someone who has quickly established himself as one of the most accomdished defenders in the FA Carling Premiership. More pertinently, perhaps,

as England's attempts to qualfor the World Cup in France next year intensify, Neville, who will earn his eighteenth cap against Georgia, has retained the boyish enthusiasm for playing for his country that so many of the younger players seem to lose amid the torrents of club matches and the mounting commercial pressures that rest on their callow shoulders.

"I know people are talking about missing our summer tour to France this summer," Neville, 22, said, "but we are playing Brazil, Italy and France - of course I want to go. If I am fit and selected, I will be playing for England in the summer. You cannot play roulette, can't say 'I will miss this tournament or this game' or 'I will pull out of that game'. I might never get another

chance to play against Brazil. "Alex Ferguson has never said to me that he is going to pull me out of an England game. If a young player needs a rest at Manchester United. he will be given a rest and we all put our trust in him to make that choice. If I am in the England squad, we don't even have a conversation about it. I



Neville, pictured at Bisham Abbey yesterday, displays a modesty and manners all too rare among his peers

just go. He does not have any problem in any of us playing for England. He wants us to

When pressed, he spoke about the variety of positions he has filled successfully for his country. He has played as a conventional right back in a four-man defence, as a rightsided centre back in a back three and as a wing back in a back five. He has impressed the England manager, Glenn Hoddle, in every role, but still Neville is not satisfied.

to go forward and when not to. "Wing back was my least favourite, really," he said. "I I think maybe I am a bit too cautious." can beat players going for-Neville, a credit to the ward, but there are better

upbringing techniques of Ferplayers than me in that posguson, was full of praise for ition. I think Petrescu and McAteer are probably the best his United manager and for the influence exerted over all in the Premiership. I wish 1 could get myself forward more the club's young players by and I have been told I have got Eric Cantona, the Frenchman whose talents are supposed to to be more positive, but I think sometimes I have got this mentality that I am a defender be on the wane. For praise for Neville, of course, you have to first and a footballer second. look elsewhere. My brother, Phil, is good at

"I don't agree with him at all about him not being comfortable going forward." Hoddle said. "Look at the cross he provided for Shearer's goal against Scotland in Euro 96. Look at the piece of skill he

came up with when he flicked

the ball past Bjornebye to set

up Manchester United's third

goal at Anfield. "He has got a very mature head and he is an accomplished player at a very young age with a lot of experience under his belt. He is being nice and modest but, within himself, he is a very confident lad."

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YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: York 125 Hull 129-

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ABBOT ALE NATIONAL COMPETITION:
First round: Kendal 203-5 Blackpool 166-7;
Workington 36 Chorley 37-1, Prestorn 111
Warmington 115-4, Lamcaster 154-9
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FOOTBALL,

Sunday's late results
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ionship: Anacatulos 1 São Jose 0, Confi-tinaris 1 Portuguesa 1; Internacional Limeira 5 Amorica (SJ Rio Preto) 0, Mogi Mirari 2 Guarani 2 Portuguesa Santista 1 Palmeiras 4, Rio Branco 3 Botalogo (Ribeirao Preto) 0; Santos 1 União São João 1; São Paulo 8 Juventus 1, Rio de Janeiro championship:

34 Dundee Utd v Hearts 35 Dunffine v Kirnam'k

SCOTTISH FIRST

36 East File v Andrie 37 G Morton v Dundee

39 S J'eroné v St Mirren 40 Stirling v Clydebank

Inability to **Splitting** go distance under-19 is downfall contest for Shilton pays off

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

PETER SHILTON, the for-

mer England goalkeeper, has

had his contract with Leyton

Orient terminated by the club

because he cannot kick the

ball far enough. Shilton, 47, played ten times for Orient in

the Nationwide League third

division after joining them

from West Ham United last

Tommy Taylor, the Orient manager, said: "Peter is mag-

nificent for his age and, if he could kick the ball, I would

keep him. It sounds silly, but

you need a goalkeeper to kick

it into your opponents' penal-

November.

third division."

THE move to split the Snickers Under-19 schools football tournament into two competitions was justified by two pulsating finals at The Hawthorns yesterday.

By JOHN GOODBODY

These competitions probably generate more passion than any other secondary schools event in Britan. Next season, more than 2,000 schools and colleges are expected to enter.

The tournament has been divided in two because of the domination of the sixth-form colleges, which are able to field a greater number of older boys than the schools.

In the colleges section final yesterday, Cardinal Newman, Preston, beat Colchester 1-0. while, in the competition catering for schools, Parmiter's Watford and Monkseaton HS, Whitley Bay, shared the trophy after a 0-0

Cardinal Newman possessed Robert Hawarth, the most skilful boy on display in the colleges final. His deft dribbling frequently splitthe Colchester defence. However, Cardinal Newman were wayward in their finishing and Colchester nearly equalised three minutes from time when Swarbrick had to clear off the goalline.

The decisive goal came in the 38th minute when McCann drove home a free kick from the edge of the area. The schools final was taut, going to the end of extra time without a score, but with innumerable near-misses and splendid saves. The problem

was neither team had the

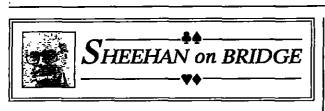
composure nor the penetra-

tion near goal.

interested in him. We have only one game left and we have no need for the services of Peter. He was first choice until he got injured and we brought in Paul Hyde [the England keeper]."
Shilton, who made his

1,000th Football League ap-pearance against Brighton while at Orient, will now head

refused a request from BSkyB to switch the third division match between Hereford United and Brighton from Saturday to Sunday in order to screen it live. Hereford and Brighton, the bottom clubs, each has 46 points and will be playing for League survival at Edgar Street in front of a sellout crowd of \$,800.



By Robert Shrehan, bridge correspondent

This is a hand played by Derek Young, a popular member of the £5 game at the old St James Bridge Club. He was South, playing

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	+AQJ +32 N S -AKQ98 +9 +K1065 +AKQ W 	+AQJ +32

After a little hesitation, West led the ten of hearts. East took the ace of hearts and returned the ten of clubs to declarer's queen. Declarer cashed a high spade, on which West threw a diamond. Now it seems obvious to cross to dummy with a diamond to take the marked spade finesse, but before doing that Young considered the significance of East's double. Surely J632 of spades and the ace of hearts was not enough. So East must have intended his double as "Lightner", asking for an unusual lead. The only possible reason was that East was void in diamonds, so Young cashed the king of clubs, and with a

flourish ruffed the ace of clubs. Now he had successfully reached dummy and could pick up East's jack of spades.

What do you think of West's lead? It was possible that East was doubling with say the ace and king of hearts. However, it would be risky for East to double with that holding — if declarer had a singleton heart he would still make the contract. The diamond void is more likely, so I think West should have found the diamond lead.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

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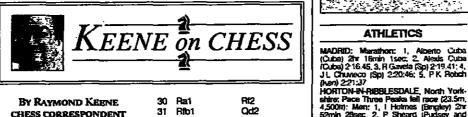
MOUNSTER a. A monster b. A horseman c. To barricade

COCKALORUM a. A twerp b. Chicken soup c. Higgledy-piggledy

By Philip Howard

PARALOGISM a. Interrupting b. A skiing manoeuvre c. Illogical reasoning **AUTOCHTHON**

a. Aboriginal b. Earning one's living c. Hatred of automobiles



31 Rfb1

34 Rxh6

Rb8+

White: McShane

Gelsenkirchen, 1997

Scandinavian Defence

Black: Jirovsky

making the decision of when

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

British prodigy Luke McShane, 13, has be-

come the youngest British player ever to achieve the international master title. His third and decisive result came at the tournament in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, where in the IBIS Master group he scored 65 per cent. Leading positions in the tournament were as follows: Lerner 72; Cyborowski, Eingorn, Didishko, Ruzele and Arbakov 7; McShane 62.

White: McShane Black: Lipinsky Gelsenkirchen, 1997 Sicilian Defence

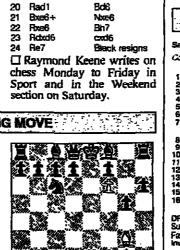
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Russakov -Verlinski, USSR 1947. Here White was probably relying on the continuation 1 ... Be7 2 Qxb2 with an unbalanced position. Can you see what he had overlooked?

Solution on page 54



Jt. Critimeor (sp) 220:86; 5, PK Holicifiker) 221:37 HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE, North Yorkshirer Pace Three Peaks tell race (23.5m, 4.500t); Ment; 1, I Hotmes (Bingley) 2th Smill 28sec; 2, P Sheard (Pudsey and Brarnley) 330:57; 3, J Blacker (Mandalet 302:20; 4, P Biscole (P&B) 3'06'02; 5, G Watson (Altinicham) 3'07':10; 6, R Hemes (Hunters Bog Trotters) 309'90 Over-40: G Schofield (Howach, 11th overall) 3':12'11. Over-50: P McWade (Clayton-le-Moors, 25th) 3'20'56 (record) Over-60: L Suffixer (Clayton-le-Moors, 44 Veteran team: Clayton-le-Moors 44 Veteran team: Clayton-le-Moors 42 Women: 1, C Greenwood (Bingley, 58th) 3'34:29, 2 V Peacock (Clayton-le-Moors WS5) 3'40-22' 3, K Stater (Keighley Hill Punners, W35) 3.54:58. Team: Clayton-le-Moors 534. Diagram of final position

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Seattle 2 Toronto 1; Boston 13 Batimore 7; New York Yarkees 7 Crucago White Sox 1, Milwaukee 6 Cleveland 5, Texts 7 Mirmesota 3, Karrsas City 7 Cakland 1; Anaham 60 betroe 5 NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 2 San Diego 0 (4% nns), New York Mets 5 Montreel 3, St Louis 6 Colorado 2, Philisburgh 7 Chicago Cubs 0; San Francisco 3 Houston 2; Florida 4 Los Angeles 3 Postponed: Cincinnati v Philadelphia.

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Second one-day international match West Indies v India

WEST INDIES

DRAWS (home teams) Nottingham Forest, Sunderland, Wycombe, Barnet, Hull, Famborough, Dunfermine, Dumberton, Inverness CT, Montrose

POOLS FORECAST

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	8 Brentford v Peterboro 9 Brisiol R v Romemam
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26 Heretord v Brighton
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SCOTTISH SECOND

41 Ayr v Brechin 42 Cycle v Hamilton 43 Dumbilion v Q of Sth 44 Livingston v Stramoor 45 Sterni muir v Berwick SCOTTISH THIRD

☐ Vince Wright

FDCED ODDS; Homes: Covertry, Bristol Rovers, Chesterfield, Gdingham, Don-caster. Aways: Futham, Brighton, Andre. Drawa. Sunderland, Barnst, Dumberton.

OTHER MATCH: Rest of the World XI 4 v Europe XI 3 (in Barcelona) ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Pro

ST ANDREWS: International match: Scotland v France: Foursomes: (Scotland names first Brooks and Howard halved with Revetto and David; Rankin and Welson bit Biouz and Nicolay 2 and 1; Bearries and Forbes bit Stolear and De Polo 2, and 1; Forsyth and Mackenzie lost to Havet and Goroneskou! 5 and 3, Singles: (Scotland names first Brooks lost to Ravetto 2 and 1; Rankin bit David 4 and 2; Howard halved with Illouz; Forsyth bit Stolear 4 and 2; Welson lost to Nicolay 3 and 2; Mackenzie lost to De Polo 4 and 3; Forbes bit Goroneskou! 2 and 1; Bearnes lost to Havet 3 and 2. Overall match result: Scotland 15 France 9.

(Japan) 56, 71, 71 211; J Cothert 72, 66, 73, J Jacobe (68) 70, 67, 74, Other scores: 213; R Pond 70, 69, 74, 218; L Trevino 72, 70, 74, G Marsh (Aus.) 71, 68, 77, 218; R Charles (70, 73, 68, 77, 219; B Barnes (66) 77, 69, 73, 220; A Jacklin (GB) 74, 75, 71.

ICE HOCKEY

LACROSSE

RICHARD EVANS ty box to make chances in the Steve Shorey, the Orient chief scout, added: "Kicking No Change For A Brick

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THE TIMES TO EST

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to Hong Kong. ☐ The Football League has

FOR THE RECORD

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HOCKEY

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NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Stanley Cup: Play-offs: Eastern Conference: Butlato 3 Otlawa 6 Dest-of-seven senes Led 3-3). Western Conference: Detrot 3 St. Louin 1 (Detrot win 4-2). Dallas 3 Edmonton 2 (OT) (series lied 3-3); Anathelin 3 Phoeno. 2 (OT) (series lied 3-3). FINLAND: World championships: Hel-sinkt Pool A: Czech Republic 2 Finland 1. Turfu: Pool B: Sweden 7 Canada 2.

TOKYO: Women's World Cup: Scotland 9 Japan 4: Australia 6 Canada 0; Wales 2 United States 13.

MOTOR RACING

CRUCIBLE THEATRE. Sheffield: Embasey world championship: Second round (best of 25 frames): K Doherty (e) bit A Boards (Engl 13-3; J Parnott (Engl 16-14) Parnott (Engl 16-14) Hamilton (Engl 13-17; J Waltena (Inal) leads S Lee (Engl 10-8; J Higgins (Scot) leads D Date (Waltes) 12-4.

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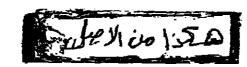
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RACING: FABRE CONFIDENT OF PROMINENT DISPLAY IN 2,000 GUINEAS

Zamindar settles into new role

RACING CORRESPONDENT

SINCE Khaled Abdulla bought a stud in Kentucky specifically for rearing yearlings more than a decade ago. the best of the 120 bluebloods bred to race each season have been allocated a rating, on a scale up to ten.

Until recently none, not even Zafonic, the top two-yearold colt of 1992 and recordbreaking winner of the 2,000 Guineas, had been deemed worthy of the maximum rating.

However, when Zafonic's brother became ready to follow his illustrious relation and join André Fabre at Chantilly. the experts who run Abdulla's

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Northern Drums (5.20 Nottingham) Nb: Change For A Buck (3.45 Nottingham)

Juddmonte Farms operation finally relented and granted Zamindar the ultimate accolade: ten out of ten.

"We rated Zafonic a nine but everyone got bold and rated Zamindar a ten," John Chandler, president of Juddmonte Farms in the United States, said. "As a foal and yearling. Zamindar was possibly not as massively dominant as Zafonic but I always thought Zamindar had a little

bit more finesse." The racecourse performances of Zamindar as a twoyear-old were useful - he won a group three race and was placed twice in group one company - without living up to expectations. However, with the five-day declarations for Saturday's Pertemps 2,000

THUNDERER

PIKE CREEK (nap).

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2.00 Irsal, 2.30 Tear White, 3.00 Watch Me. 3.30 Bold Oriental, 4.00 Anokato, 4.30 Whisky Mac. 5.00

Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.00 PIKE CREEK.

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(6) (6) 3-5 NATURAL CONT 14 B Halls 9-0. M Halls

(7) (4) S NORTH MATTER PLANS 13 C Britain 9-0. B Doyle

(8) (3) CONNIDERCE M Diamon 8-9. A Eddery (7)

9 (10) 3 COWTHAREE 252 M Sexula 8-9 ... S Sanders 84
10 (6) 00 FANTASY GRX 222 J Lumiop B-9 ... Paul Eddery —
11 (5) 6 MAID OF CAMELOT 14 R Citariton 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 98 5-2 Natural Eight, 3-1 Mand Of Camelot, 9-2 Conditioned 8-1 Coincidence, Irsal 12-7 Laurel Seeter, 14-1 others.

69 210- VAX STAR 270 (D.F.6.) I Spering 3-8-13 S Drome 85 (3) 27-0 (EMBELE 31 (D.F.6.) C Dayer 3-8-9 Jo Humann (7) 85

3-1 Almaty, 5-1 Averly, Growtled Avenue, Var Star, 6-1 Repertory, 7-1 Warch Me.

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3-1 Cauda Foruna, 4-1 Nopalea, Teat White, 6-1 Silver Linung, 7-1 others

3.00 CORSTON CONDITIONS STAKES

2.00 BLATHWAYT MAIDEN STAKES

2.30 SPA SELLING STAKES

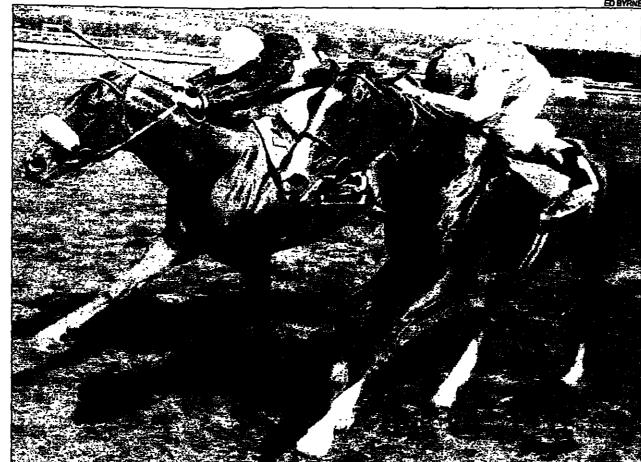
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Mist. 7.50 Able Player.

DRAW: 5F, LOW BEST SIS

Matter Dwyler (3) -



Fabre expects Zamindar, right, to improve on his second to Bahamian Bounty in the Prix Morny at Deauville last year

Guineas made yesterday, there are sound reasons for believing that Zamindar can become an equine Bo Derek --

and justify a rating of ten. A change in racing style has brought about considerable improvement. Last year, he tended to make the running and on his final start became involved in a cutthroat duel with The West in the Prix de la Salamandre which set up the race for Revoque.

Zamindar now settles off the pace and the results could be electrifying if a recent gallop with good-class stable-mates at Maisons-Laffitte is an accurate guide. Shaal, who provided Zamindar with a lead, won a listed race at Longchamp on Sunday.

Fabre yesterday confirmed the difference in Zamindar since he has settled. "He works quite impressively when he does that." Fabre said. "My horses last year were probably affected by a virus. This year they are in good shape so I think this

3.30 RACING CHANNEL HANDICAP

4.00 BRISTOL ROVERS HANDICAP

(£3,015. 51 11yd) (15)

7-2 Indum. 9-2 Bold Openial, 6-1 Time Can Tell, 8-1 Heatl Di Armor, Eponosi Tarian Party, 10-1 others.

(£3,015, 51 11yd) (15)

1 (4) 0.21 BEAU VENTURE 19 (C.D.F.G.S.) B Patient 9-10-0 B Doyle 90

2 (12) 0663 MTRANSH 25 (F.6) 0 Havon Junes 8-9-12 Par Esdery 90

3 (2) 000-3 MTRANSH 25 (F.6) 0 Havon Junes 8-9-12 S Drivane 90

4 (1) 0-06 CHYSTAL HEIGHTS 18 (F.G.) R O'Sollivan 9-9-12 S Sonders 85

5 (6) 00-2 RYRET REFIN 12 (7) Baddys 4-9-9 R Firenth (5) 96

6 (13) 440- TIMICER OSMASTON 272 (C.D.F.) M Saysters 6-3-8

7 (7) 13-4 AMOKATO 17 (B.D.BF-F.) k heavy 3-8-13 M Heavy (3) 85

8 (5) 50-0 BUS POLLY 19 S Tone 4-8-11 M Metany (3) 85

9 (14) 33-6 JUNN O'DREMAS 12 (C.D.G.) Mr. 5 kmg 12-8-3 M Roberts 86

10 (15) 3113 GREY KINGDOM 4 (BF.F.G.) M Roberts 86

10 (15) 3113 GREY KINGDOM 4 (BF.F.G.) M Roberts 95

11 (10) 00-5 H.YING HAROLD 34 M Channon 4-8-1 M Automs 81

12 (6) 440- TES-SIAM 311 (B.D.F.G.) R Sampson 7-7-10 F Notion 85

13 (19) 0504 BERGEN PARAGON B (D.F.) Kmg 3-7-10 Martin Dovye (3) 86

14 (11) 0-00 MISSIER SEAN 8 (8) J Bradey 4-7-10 J Fronte (7)
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3-1 Grey Kingdom, 5-1 Beau Venture 7-1 from Tern 8-1 Intrasers Bright Paragon

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5-2 Whisky Mack, 7-2 Brandon Frank 5-1 Cloudberry 7-1 Europer 10-1 others.

5.00 EMPIRE FILLIES HANDICAP

S3.188: 5f 11yd) (11)

DANDE TOMES D amount 8-8
SLBAMER RIVER C Alurray 8-6
WHISKY MACK R Harmon 8-7
BRANDON FRANK I Badding 8-3
EUROFEN (Y) P Evans 9-3
D CLOUDEFREY 73 B Meethan 8-1
BALLET RAMBERT M Heaton-Elect 7-12
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BOULY BY PARIS M Meade 7-12
F Norton
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4.30 PENSFORD MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

(2-Y-0: £3,188: 5f 11yd) (11)

(3-Y-0: £3,556; 1m 2f 46yd) (12)

horse has not yet shown his true form. He missed his prep race because he had a setback so I had to work him at home. I am pleased with him and think he is going to run well."

Fabre, who rarely makes such bullish statements. pointed out that when Zamindar was just beaten by Bahamian Bounty in the Prix Morny at Deauville last August. Pas De Reponse, the joint-favourite for the 1,000 Guineas, was three lengths away in third.

THUNDERER

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.15 MEADOWS SELLING STAKES

(3-Y-0: £1,985: 6l 15yd) (18 runners)

NOTTINGHAM

2.15 Jib Jab. 2.45 Fame Again. 3.15 Captain Jones. 3.45 Change For A Buck. 4.15 Santa Rosa. 4.45 Princess Topaz. 5.20 Dancing Cavalier. 5.50 Ciro's

106 6306 HEAMFILY MISS 19 (CD.F.G.) I Brudge 8-13. G Duffeld 1
107 05-1 MIMICEPAL GRIR B (CD.F.B.) B Palling 8-13. T Sprale 8
108 0-20 SKYERS FLYER 8 (BF.F.) R Thompson 8-13. K Connorton 16
109 500- MB JAB 238 Mas N Macasiery 8-12. D 0 Donochoe (3) 16
110 LOCKSLL A Smath 8-12. M Broch 7
111 0-20 MAJOR TYMST 29 (BF) R Hamon 8-12. Dane O'Well 4
112 -063 ROCKARTUNOTHECLOCK 8 (B) P Evens 8-12. J F Egan 10
113 00- WITNEY-LA-ROCKE 194 J S Moore 8-12. K. Axon (7) 5
114 MISS PERIFERINE R Guest 8-7. P Bloomfaid 9
115 MISS PERIFERINE R Guest 8-7. P Bloomfaid 9
116 505- PATRITA PARS 143 W Haigh 8-7. S Witnesorth 15
117 DOU. STRAWAND 257 B Beogh 8-7. Dames Molfact (3) 13
118 4522 TERRO'S ROSE 8 R Hollescheed 8-7 Wit Ryan 17
9-2 Terry's Rose, 6-1 Advance Repro, Genners Circy, Homesoly Miss, 8-1 Blacing Caste. 10-1 Major Turst, Manifectal Gill. 12-1 Jo Jab., 14-1 others.

(£3,226: 61 15yd) (18)

201 20-1 DUNNE MISSP D1 (D.F) A larve 4-9-13 ... W J O'Commor 2
202 00-0 AL REET 28 (D.R.S) 5 Bowring 6-9-9 ... F Boyle (7) 12
203 053- SHARP W SHADY 181 C Wall 4-9-0 ... & Duffield 17
204 5000 SHG WITH THE BAND 12 (F.G) 8 McNation 6-9-0 L Newton 6
205 D10- COPMCHE QUEST 175 (D.F.G.S) M Cramona 4-8-12 R Hughes 14
205 5-00 FAME ASAN 21 (BF,6.5) Mrs 1 Remotes 5-9-12 ... J Fortune 9
207 0-00 TIME FOR TEA 9 C (Cres 4-8-11 ... 0 TSNs 18
206 131- ROBEC GRIL 199 (D.G) N McNatile 3-8-9 ... J F Egan 1
209 5000 LACHESS 11 D Show 4-8-8 ... D TSNs 18
200 0-60 CHOW MATE 85 W Mair 4-8-8 ... Denro O'Neil 3
211 40-0 AYRECGRIL 28 (D.G) N MCNatile 3-8-7 ... M Barch 13
213 40-0 RUNS W THE FAMELY 28 (D.D.S) McCourt 5-8-4 D Harmson 13
215 5-00 LEGISH D C RARASON 10 (G) J Sloves 3-8-7 ... M Barch 13
215 5500 BALLARD LADY 10 (D.G.S) J Womenought 5-8-1 J Grammin (S) 11
216 2050 DELROB 17 (B.D.F.S) D WARD 5-8-0 ... C Rosine 4
217 00-0 APRE LACKSON 40 P Daton 3-7-10 ... M Barch (S) 11
218 44-0 ROTHERRIELD PARK 258 (G) C Smith 5-7-10 ... M Barch (S) 7
2-1 Starp 19 Stady, 8-1 Dovice Miss-7, Fame Again, Avbesgibt, 10-1 Legishd Of

6-1 Starth N. Shady, 8-1 Dwine Mess-P, Farre Agam, Aviseogri, 18-1 Legend Of Aragon Correcte Onest, 10-1 Rober Grif Emmis Breeze, 12-1 others

3.15 PORCHESTER NOVICE MEDIAN AUCTION

(ES (2-Y-0: \$2,277: 5) 1 3y0) (12)

Of YOUNG BORR 13 (D.F) Floate 9-4. If Float 8

12 PRINCE POLEY 18 (D.FF.F) W 6 M Turner 9-2 D McGattin (7) 2

13 BLISHING WOLTORIA 21 (CDLF) M Mords 9-1 D Sureeney (5) 4

CAPTAIN JONES 3 B Meana 8-12 R Mugnes 11

ANTORIE J Gustace 8-12 R Cochrase 9

M. Falton 6

O RUSTY BABE 26 J J Gurm 8-12 J Grant Wilder S

SIGNATORY R Homoro 8-12 D Dane O'Mell' 5

SIGNATORY R Homoro 8-12 D Harrison 12

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SANTA FAYE B Palling 8-7 T Sprake 3

SONT TIME 29 M R Bosley 8-7 C Rutter 10

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0-DOYENNE 11 6 Lows 8-11 A Cach 13
2-3 ENLESTED 110 (8F) M Prescot 8-11. G Dyddidd 7

401 B ANCHORED M LOWE 11 R Charton 8-11 T Sprake 9
402 4 ARRENNIG 280 J Hits 8-11 J Read 8
403 3 CHANGE FOR A BUCK 13 H Cacil 8-11 K Fallon 3
404 0 CHEEK 10 CHEEK 248 C Cycs 8-11 A Burns 11
405 0 DOVENNE 11 G Lows 8-11 A Burns 13
406 2-3 ENLSTED 110 (8F) M Prescot 8-11 G Carter 2
407 0-4 EPWORTH 21 J Gloves 8-11 G Carter 2
408 JUCE P Cole 8-11 T Burns 6
409 02- KUSSHAMMY 183 I Currant 8-11 D Urbison 30
410 400- OAKBROOK ROSE 190 M Muggeridge 8-11 I G McLaughin 6
411 0- PERSIAN BULE 231 R Harson 8-11 Burne 0 Neill 4
412 0-4 SHARMYAH 13 R Armebrong 8-11 R Huts 1
413 0 TOF JEM 21 M Pron 8-11 G Barcheol 12
2-1 Charge For A Buck 7-2 Nightman, 5-1 Endeled, Jude 8-1 Shardyah, 12-1

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4-1 Young Ibru, 5-1 Prince Foley, Septembry, 6-1 Blacking Victoria, Capitain Jones 8-1 O Higgare, 10-1 Rusty Babe, Seell Time, 12-1 others

STAKES (2-Y-0: £2,277: 5i 13yd) (12)

3.45 RADFORD MAIDEN STAKES (Div 1: 3-Y-0 fillies: £3,837: 1m 54yd) (13)

2.45 BRADMORE FILLIES HANDICAP

(£3,226; 5) 15vd) (18)

DRAW. 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

When a trainer of Fabre's calibre sets out his stall, it is time to take notice. He boasts an outstanding record in Britain and his enthusiasm for Zamindar is infectious. At 16-1 with the Tote, Zamindar is

excellent each-way value. While Zamindar prepares for his cross-Channel raid, the Godolphin horses arrived in Britain yesterday from Dubai. "They have arrived safely and are in tip-top shape," Simon Crisford, Godolphin's racing manager, said.

Gaelic Blue suited by stamina test

ASCOT - BBC2 hand at bringing back runners after an absence.

6.00: Storm Alert and Big Matt, the course specialists, are too high in the handicap. but they are more consistent than Thumbs Up and Cumbrian Challenge. Time Won't Wait gets the vote. He shaped well - ridden close to a strong



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

pace and making his ground

5.30 Lyphantastic 6.00 Time Won't Wait 6.30 Gaelic Blue

5.30: Two headstrong front-runners. El Freddie and Olympian, should set this up for something to come from behind. Cassio's Boy and Meditator fit the bill but lack the scope of Lyphantastic, a useful novice two years ago. He has been off the course with leg injuries but his trainer. Charlie Mann, is a dab



too soon - when fourth to Uncle Ernie at Cheltenham in March. Last time he was travelling well when hampered and unseating at Aintree. Bertone is improving but needs 212 miles.

6.30: Nearly every horse in this contest is a front-runner and Gaelic Blue can swoop from off the pace. He overcame an inadequate test of stamina to win at Ayr last time and is improving fast. His trainer, Sue Smith, is in form.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY

4.15 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP

(3-Y	O: £3	3,616: 1m 54yd) (18)
501	5-06	BAUBISMY 29 M Channon 9-7 R Hoghes 13
502	40-0	VAVA VERDI 18 J Dunkop 9-5
503		NAGHT CHORUS 176 (BF) B Rothwell 9-4 M. Fenton 10
504		BRYNKUR 182 D Mauray Scrain 9-4 G Duffield 2
505		PENKYWELL 28 (D.G) R Johnson Houghless 9-2 J Rest 6
506		SAFFRON ROSE 207 M Blaushard 9-2 R Cochrane 11
507		SANTA ROSA 188 J Duntop 9-2,
500		COME TOGETHER 183 D Arbuffmor 9-1 S Whiteforth 17
509		PUSH A VENTURE 22 S Woods 9-1 W Ryse 1
510		HEVER GOLF DANCER 73 T Naughion 9-0 G Carter 14
511		LLINAR MUSIC 8 (F) R Thompson 9-0 T Williams 8
512		MILINGO PARK 34 Mir. J Ramaden 9-0 J Fortune 4
513		CALAMANDER 238 W Muit B-13 Dane O'Neill ?
514		PRINCESS OF HEARTS 18 (B.CD.F) M Page 8-12 K Fallon 15
515		MARDREW 3 (D,G) T Clement 8-12 A Daily (5) 18
516		CASTLES BLERNING 20 (D.BF.G) C Cyzer 8-11 D Biggs 9
517		INTEROREAM 18 (F) R Hannon 8-10 W O'Connor 5
518	0-43	BARRESBO 19 C Fairtury 8-10 J Stack 12

9-2 Princess (X Hearts, 6-1 Pennywell, 7-1 Castles Burning, 8-1 Mungo Park, 10-Santa Rosa, Viva Verdi, 12-1 Barresho, Interdream, Mardrew, 14-1 others 4.45 COTMANHAY FILLIES HANDICAP

(£3,703: 1m 1f 213yd) (16)
601 060- CAPILANO PRINCESS 242 (F,S) O Haydn Joses 4-10-8 C Rudler 5
602 2251 RASAYEL B (CD) F,G) P Evens 7-9-4 (Sex) J F Egan 1
603 26-3 PEPPERS 18 K Burle 4-8-13
604 500- POLISH RHYTHM 188 G Hebbard 4-8-10 G Carter 7
DOS DS-4 AGONY AUNT 29 (BF) Vars J Ceck 3-8-10 W Ryan 11
BOG 3851 TALLULAH BELLE 5 (D.F.G) N Litimoten 4-8-8 (Sec)
7 G McLeoghlin 2
ED7 0502 ABSOLUTELYSTURBENG 18 (CD,6) Mrs & Warning 4-8-7 T Church 9
608 /0-0 CREDITE RISCUE B J Glover 4-8-5
609 10-4 SCARLET CRESCENT 18 (G) P Wahryn 3-8-2 T Spraka 6
610 500- MAZOLA 209 (CD,F.G) A Street: 5-8-2 _ J Bramhill (5) 4
611 34-0 PRINCESS TOPAZ 12 C Cyzer 3-8-2
612 00-0 MELLIE NORTH 19 (V.S) 6 McCourt 4-8-1 6 Bendwell 10
613 66-0 POLAR RETRAIN 11 J Monton 4-7-11 J Centra 8
614 065- STAR PRECISION 183 6 Balding 3-7-10 N Variey 15
615 20-6 PRETTY SHARP 33 N Babbage 3-7-10 P Fessey (5) 12
616 000- DAFFOOLL EXPRESS 162 M Ryan 4-7-10 M Belmi (3) 14
9-2 Rasayei, 6-1 Absolutelystunning, Agony Auni, 7-1 Peopers, Tallutah Bella, 8-1
Princess Topaz, 10-1 Mazilla, 12-1 Capitano Princess, 14-1 others.

5.20 ATTENBOROUGH HANDICAP (£3,252: 1m 6f 15yd) (18)

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2	025	BELMARITA 47J 6 Hubbard 4-9-12	. G Carter
3		DANCING CAVALLER 8 (CD,G) 8 Hollinshead 4-9-12	
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5	5-51	SEA FREEDOM 19 (V.S) G Balding 6-9-7	. A C2=1
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7		ARCADY 8 F.G. J.L Harts 4-9-4	
á	20-5	FORGE 18 (D.F) P Cales 4-9-2	M Bird
9	0-53	CHARROL 18 (f) T Clement 4-9-2	. A Daiv C
10	254-	SHERUFT 245.) (F.G) J HILL 6-9-0	R/A
11		TOMMERRE 11 (D.S) B Micharton 5-8-13	
12	ML4	MORTHERN DRINGS 38 N Rabbare 4-8-11	_ 7 Sonai
1 13	0-03	HE'S 801 WARES 19 8) Mrs J Paristee 4-8-10	J Fortune
14	3050	HEIGHTH OF FAME 8 (G) J Hetseston 6-8-8	G Duffie
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16	0012	SUSTA BAR 871 (D,F) Mrs M Render, 5-8-5	D Harrier
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5.50 RADFORD MAIDEN STAKES

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Div	II: 3-Y	'-O fillies: £3,512; 1m 54yd) (13)
t		ACTUATIC CLIEEN 8 R Weaver 8-11 M Wighard
2		AR HYD Y KNOS 234 R Charlion 8-11 T Sprake
3	40-	CADRURY CASTLE 209 M Blanshard 8-17 J Quint
- 4	4	CHILDE NECOLE 284 (BF) P Cole 8-11 T Colm
		CIRO'S PEARL 241 M Tomptins 8-11, D Biggs
5		BILDEN'S LADY 25 6 Margaryon 8-11 6 Carter
ž	•	MANAZE B Armstrong 8-11 R Hills
ä	3.0	MICHAGHT ROMANCE 6 A James 8-11 W J D'Conno
9		CORRANE 183 H Carety 8-11 C Ruster
10		PHOENTX PRINCESS B McMattern 8-11 S Righton (7)
ίĩ		SELETTE 209 D Haydin Johns B-11 R Cochrana
12	5.0	SILVER AURIL EE 21 B Paling 8-11 Dane O'Noi
13		WOODBECK J Glover 8-11 N Day
40	dos Nic	ole, 3-1 Caro's Pearl, 7-2 Managil, 7-1 Sellette, 10-1 Aquatic Duty
211	le Hard V	Knes, Onhane, 14-1 Yfoodbeck, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRARERS: N. Babbage, 3. winners from 9 retiners, 33.3%, M. Prescuil, 9 from 31, 79.0%, H. Cecil, 16 from 61, 26.2%; Mrs. J. Cecil, 6 from 28, 21.4%, R. Charlon, 7 from 33, 21.2%, J. Duniop, 16 from 164, 17.3% JOCKEYS: D Sweeney, 3 winners from 10 tides, 30.0%, J Reid, 13 from 74, 17 6%, A Whetan, 3 from 18, 16.7%, T Quinn, 13 from 82, 15 9%, 6 Duffield, 13 from 98, 13 3%, T Sprake, 12 from 90, 13.3%.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Pontefract Going: good

2.45 (5) 1. Classy Cleo (Pal Eddery, 5-2)-tan; 2. Out Live Magic (4-1), 3, Mamma's 80; (5-2 j-lav) 9 ran NR Bajar Ont, 1 Nt, -al R Hannon Tote 53:20, £1:30, £1:40, £1:50 DF £6:00 The £6:60 CSF, £1:196 3.15 (Im 41 Byd) 1, Baby Jane (P Bloom-field, 5-2 lav), 2, Lindney Lody (12-1); 3, Fortune Hopper (12-1), 14 ran, 134, 91 R Guest, Tote (23.0, 0.10), 0.4.80, 23.00 OF 527 70 Trio £361 70 CSF £31 46

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3.45 (6) 1. Night Flight (F. Fallon, 33-1); 2. Be Warned (16-1), 3. Grey Kingdom (5-4 tay); 4, Bowlers Boy (25-1) 17 ran 30; 1, 1 J J O'Neill Tote £34 40, £4 50, £3 40, £1 10, £5 20 DF £736 00 Trio £461 10 CSF £457.42 Tricast £3,117 00
4.15 (1m 4yd) 1 Gymcrek Flyer (F. Fallon, 4-1) £ Epic Sland (3-1 tay); 3 Gudge (6-1) 19 ran 11, 11 G Holmes Tote £5 30, £2 00, £1 60, £4,00 DF £11 40 Trio £71,20 CSF-£13 61

E13 61 4,45 (2m 5) 1 22yd) 1 Ali On (F Ffrench, 10-1); 2, Aardwolf (5-1), 3, High Five (11-2), 4. Thormoun Estate (33-1) Upper Mount Clair 9-2 fav 16 ran 71, 14 J Heltherton Tote £11.70 52:50 52:00 57,70, 47.90 OF £56 60 Tro \$307.80 CSF \$49.33 Theast \$286.25

5.15 (1m 2/6yd) 1, Road Racer (J Fortune. 9-1); 2. Shaffishayes (4-1 (-lav). 3, Augustan (5-1) Danegold-4-1 (-tav. 13 ran. Shital, 3), Mrs J Ramsden, Tota: 10-60; 23-60, 11-60, 12-50 DF: 230-70 Trio: 51-40, CSF: £40-38 Throad: £192-04. Jackpot: not won (pool of £15,882.37 carried torward to Notlingham today). Placepot: £35.60.

Quadpot, £18.30. Southwell Going: slandard

2.00 (fm 4); 1. Carrolla Marc floris Wands, 33-1); 2. Al Liberty (7-4 law), 3. Betabarno (2-1) 10 ran Sh hd. 4l. C Murray, Tole 518 80; 57 90. 51 30, 51.40. DF: 527 50 Tito: 522 50 CSF, 532 62. 2.30 (1m) 1, Keen Alert (G Faulkner, 12-1). 2. Rheinbold (7-1); 3, Mr Paradise (4-6 tav) 13 ran 14, 51, M Bell Tote: £19 00: £4 20. £2 20, £1,10 DF: £86.50 Tno £24 30 CSF: £88.70

Support 200.70

3.00 (fm 4) 1, Champagne Werrior (L. Chamodk, 8-1); 2, Greenspan (13-8 lay), 3, Grand Cru (6-1); 10 ran, 2, 61 M Camacho, Totel 13:00 52:40, 01:60, 01:40, DF, 26:70 Tho 01:340 CSF 62:06:33, 3.30 (fm); 1, Takhild (Mss. R Clark, 12-1); 2, Montone (12-1); 3, Benjamins, Law

266,142:34

530 (fm); 1, Island Sanctuary (S Sancters, 13-10; fay); 2, Carlouche (7-2); 3, Going Green (10-1); 13 ran, Nk. 19. P. Malon Totel 13:00, C1:50, C1:50,

[33-1]; 4, Commin Up (33-1) Cals Boltom 5-1 lav. 16 ran 244, 1L D Chapman Tole 126 10; 123 10; 123 30; 128 00; 124 00 DF; 128 00. The not won (pool of 1234 27 carned bowerd to 2 45 at Nottungham lodgy). CSF: 1141 26 Treast 12,425 02. 4.00 (6) 1, Forcing Bid (G Duffield, 4-1 tay): 2, Swantstand (10-1), 3, Swift (7-1), 14 ran 2-4, 44 Sir Mark Prescott Toter 23-60; 22.00, E4-50, E2-20. DF 538-90. This: 579,10, CSF, E41,70, Tricast 5264-38.

C79.10. CSF. £41.70. Tricast £264.38.
4.30 (50) 1. My Bet (G Perkin, 9-2), 2. Branston Beny (11-10 tay); 3. Dewreibee (10-1), 7 ren. NR: Frundin Hd, 6i M W Easterby Tote £4.30; £2.90, £1.60 DF: £4.70 CSF £9.25.
5.00 (7l) 1, Sheraton Geri (Martin Dwyer, 33-1); 2, Poker Princess (10-1); 3, Deyrella (20-1); Muccatens 7-4 by 14 ran 1%; 5. N Littmoden. Tote: £33.50, £4.50, £5.30, £9.70 DF: £580.30, Tric. rot won (pool of £230.55 carried forward to 2.45 at Notingham today) CSF: £338.50 Tricast £6.142.34
5.30 (fm) 1, Island Sanchuary (5 Sanders,

ASCOT

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7.05 Ambidextrous 7,35 Uncle Algy 8,05 Physical Fun

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

Recessor numbers. So, figure form if - [eff P—pulled up U—unserted note: B—brought dame. S—shopped up. R—released. D—since the special special

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

5.30 MITSURISHI DIAMOND VISION HANDICAP HURDLE BBC2 (£4,756; 3m) (7 numers)

35.5.5.1 (7 TEMPLES)

541241 LYPHANTASTIC 836 (C.G) (Livylies-Lanz Partners) C Mann 8-11-10 J Realton 313214 OLYMAPIAN 17 (B.CD.F.G) (J Neville) J Reville 10-11-9 M. A Förgestel 94 33/65P1 MEDITATOR 11 (B.D.E.S) (Mas J Doyle) B De Hann 13-11-1 S. Curran. 96 542450 KARAR 49 (D.F.G.S) (Mas M Sampson) R Rover 7-11-1 D 0'Stallivan 90 33P121 EL PREDIDE 29 (D.F.G.) (M Logat) J Did 7-10-8 G Glyslon 92 405321 CASSIO'S BDY 29 (G.S.) (Lymathall Raung) R Eckley 6-10-5 A P McCoy 10 3-50254 APACHEE R.DWER 41 (D.G.) (J Tackley) N Home 7-10-0 B P Peres 30 Long bandicap: Apachee Roam 9-6.

BETTINE: 5-2 Olympian, 7-2 El Freddie, 5-1 Lyphaniaska, Cassio's Boy, Meditator, 10-1 other; 1996: NEWTON POINT 7-10-0 R Johnson (11-4) D Nicholson 7 ran

FORM FOCUS LYPHANTASTIC best Sack Button 61 in 14-runner navior bardle here (2m 41, good), Izm 1995 OLYM-PIAN about 41 4th of 5 in Transjot in grade 8 Long Destance Handle over course and destance (good fo 5mm). MEDITATOR best Minario Prince 34 in 13-runner transforce buttle of 4m (2m 21 19m), good) EL PREDDE best Beschield Plyer field in 12runnes novice bandicap handle at Utioneter Can 110yd. good to Some CASSIO'S 80Y boat Beagamestum 144 in 12-more transfera, burdle at Chepsides (2m 41 110yd. good) APACHEE FLOW-ER 13'41 4th of 10 to Sonow Board in tendicap hardle at Exter (3m 3, good to Som) Selection: MEDITATOR

6.00 MICHAEL PAGE GROUP HANDICAP CHASE

BBC2 (£10,231: 2m) (8 runners) 113165 57GRB ALERT 17 (CD.F.G.S) 0 Micholson 11-12-0 Mr R 7
267342 BIG MATT 7 (CD.F.G.S) (1 Beofield) N Herderson 9-11-7 Mr
24-34U TIME WONT WAIT 24 (D.F.G.) (Ale Becke Prox) R Printige 8-10-70
23-431 BERTORE 7 (20.F.G.) (Mr. H. Duttey) R. Bally P. 10-10
113142 MISTER ODDY 10 (D.G.S) (Mr. R. Hill) J. King 11-10-4
22-3311 THURBS UP 41 (D.F.G.S) (Mr. S. Bally) J. King 11-10-4
582715 CUMBERSIA CHALLERSE 11 (CD.F.G.S) (Continual Int) 7 Extenty 8-10-2
1213-UB SOCIETY GUEST 90 (D.F.G.S) (Robinson Webster) A TumeN 11-10-0 M A Pitzgerald. 97 J Rasilon 96 C O'Duryer 94 T J Morphy 94

Long bandicapr Society Guest 9-11 BETTRIG. 2-1 Bestone, 7-2 Big Mast, 5-1 Storm Atlent, Thumbs Up, 6-1 Time Worn I Wart, 8-1 others 1996. COULTON 9-12-0 J A McCarthy (7-2) O Sharwood 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIG MATT 8 2nd of 7 to Namon Dove in grade I
8 M W Handscap Chase of Punchestorm (2m,
good) TIBE WOMET WAIT 5544 8th of 18 to Uncide
Emile in handicap chose at Chellentram (2m 1 10yd,
good) on penulbrirade start. BERTONE beat Super
Jactics 1191 in Summer handicap chose here (2m,
31 110yd, good to firm) with STORM ALERT (6th better off) dist 4th. MISTER ODDY 81 2nd of 9 to Monyman in handicap chase at Avr (2n., good). THUMBS UP beat Politier Pride 1141 in 4 numer handicap drase at Exets (2m. 21, good to firm). CUMBRIAN CHALLENSE 51 2nd of 7 to Friedrich

 $6.30\,$ John Mowlem novices handicap chase (£7,230° 3m 110yd) (10 runners) A P McCoy 91 R Bellemy 89 W Marston 94 . R Guest 94

Long handicase: The Whole Hop 9-4, Ballydougan 9-2. BETTIMG: 4-1 Wee Windy, 9-2 Juliana, 5-1 Gacks, Blue, 6-1 Mr Phalippochel, Grozzly Bear, 7-1 Glenfinn Princess, 8-

1996: WREKENGALE 6-10-4 W Marston (9-4) Mrs J Priman 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MR PICKPOCKET beat DuhaBow Lodge 41 in 12-runger handicap chest at Taumton (3m. good) on peruribinate stat. RUTARA heat Who is Eguname At I in 8-numer novice chase over course and dis-tence (good) DOMARE DE PRION seek 2nd of 9 to Big Archie in novice chase at Stratford (3m.

7.05 ERNEST IRELAND NOVICES HANDACAP HURDLE

(£3,420: 2m 110yd) (10 runners)

Long handicap: Bath Knight 9-11 BETTIME: 5-2 Charl Moose, 5-1 Ambutedrous, 6-1 Above The Call Masserlinek, 7-1 Projet Iwage B-1 Warstsad, 10-1 Calour Counsellor, 14-1 others

1996. FAUSTINO 4-11-5 A P McCay (11-2) P Hobbs, 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CHIEF MCUSE beat Starfing Fellow 1/41 in novice landicap burdle at Chellistriam (2m 41, good to ferm) ABOVE THE CUT beat Motzenberg 1/41 in handicap burdle at Luddow (2m, good to ferm) ABOVE THE CUT beat Motzenberg 1/41 in handicap burdle at Luddow (2m, good to ferm) (MIGHT 51 and et 6 to Salestracker in novice handicap burdle at Medion Abbot (2m 11, firm), furnier conditional jockeys claiming hurdle at Medion Abbot (2m 11, firm).

7.35 MICHAEL PAGE NOVICES CHASE (£4,395; 2m 3f 110vd) (9 namers)

BETTING 5-2 Lincle Algy, 7-2 Migreno, 5-1 Fortra Rosse Dawn, 6-1 But Of A Dream, 8-1 Bells Wood, Oneolus, 12-1 others 1996: JOURNEYS FRIEND 8-11-5 J R Navanagh (2-1) N Henderson 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIT OF A DREAM 141 2nd of 9 to Wrife Makeri in horses familiaca chase at Worcester (2m, good to form) of 10 to Singsty in novce three transfers of accept to Chaption (2m of 10 to Singsty in novce three transfers of accept to Chaption (2m of 10 to Singsty in novce three at Chaption (3m of 110yd, imm) Salection: MOZEMO

8.05 MEREDIAN TONIGHT NOVICES HURDLE (£3,501: 2m 4l) (9 runners) 02:1049 SAMAND 12 (F.6) (Magnum Construction) Mrs. J. Seddal 5-11-5. D. Pears 98
344111 DOWNTRY LIMPR 7 (V.D.F) (Prod House Seld) M. Pipe 6-11-0. R. P. McCon. 95
00-EDEN ROC 377 (S. Ros.) 6 I. More 7-11-0. D. Galfagher
05-5-052 MAPILEDLIN 07-08106 54 (RF) (Printingsin Saharari J. Old 7-11-0. N. Williamson 89
00-0435 (LAP PROS 27 (R Cooper) N. Gasslere 6-11-0. N. Williamson 84
2 OVER THE WAY 17 (Mrs. Rames) N. Hendeson 7-11-0. M. A. Progrand 93
3 PAT BUCKLEY 10 (Mrs. N. Liquitari) N. Jinston-Dowes 6-11-0. R. Omerson/S. D. D-GGC2 PHYSICAL RIM 75 (A. Blockmorn) A. Blockmorn 6-11-0. J. R. Awarnagh ... BETTING: 5-2 Country Lower, 4-1 Hartequin Chons., 5-1 Leap Frog. Pat Buckley, 6-1 Gver The Way, 7-1 Physical Fun, 8-1 Samond, 16-1 others.

1998: BLAZE AVVAY 5-11-0 G Bradley (11-3) I Balding 11 ran FORM FOCUS

COUNTRY LOVER best Name Di Dur Father %I in novice hundle at Chepstow (2m 41 110yd, good to farm). LEAP FROG 31 and need at of 8 to Sharpital in novice hundle at Folkestone (2m 11 110yd, and press and need at Folkestone (2m 11 110yd, and press and need at Folkestone (2m 11 110yd, and press and distance (good to farm) PAT BUCKLEY 94-1 to Supreme Fyer in novice hundle at Chepstow (2m 11) and press and distance (good to farm) PAT BUCKLEY 94-1 to Supreme Fyer in novice hundle at Chepstow (2m 11) and press and distance (good to farm) PAT BUCKLEY 94-1 and distance (good to farm) PAT BUCKLEY 94-1

COURSE SPECIALISTS **TRAINERS** JOCKEYS

37.5 30.8 27.3 25.7 J Cullety A P McCoy R Dummody C Llewellyn 11 72 126 69 Mass L Siódaít A Turnell Miss H Kraght D Nicholson

POINT TO POINT DETAILS Confined: 1, Divine Chance (A Sansome, 33-1) 10 rain Rest 1, Reverend Brown (A Sansome, 7-4 ray) 11 rain, Men's Open 1, Druid s Lodge (C Ward-Thornas, 3-1) 7 rain, Ladiee; 1, St Gregory (Mrs. L. Gibbon, 4-7 ray) 6 rain, Open Mdn (5-7yo) 1, Holding The Aces (T Lane, 7-2) 8 rain, Open Mdn (5-7yo) 11, Regency Cottage (W Wales, 5-2), 8 rain, Open Mdn (8yo+) 1, Beech Brook (T Lane, 12-1) 9 rain.

GROVE & RUFFORD (Southwell point-to-point course) Open Mdn I; 1, Adventurus (A Dation, 2-1). Is ran, Rest. 1, Midnight Service (W. Telwinght, 16-1). 9 fan. Inter-medigite 1, Humcane Linda (S. Walker, 7-2). 9 ren Men's Open, 1, Perhaps (A. Dation 6-1). B ran Ladles: 1, Corner Boy (Mrs. J. Davison, 1-3 kar). Sran, Hunt 1, Kuri & Rose (P. Gee, 4-5 kar). 4 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Buchs View (G. Hammer, 9-4 & Jany, 13 ran. Bucts View (G Harmer, 9-4 g-law), 13 fath
MED DEVON (Black, Forest Lodge): Humt. 1,
Prerson Blue (M Shears, 1-2 law). 2 ran.
Confined 1, Bert House (S Kidston, 9-4). 4
ran Men's Open: 1, Megnota Man (N Harris, 4-5 law), 4 ran Ladles 1, Rapid Rascal
(Misss S West, 5-4 law), 5 ran. Intermediate:
1, Link Copper (Miss. L Blackford: 5-2). 5 ran.
Rest, 1, Niemy Al Sea () Widdfoormbe, 1-3
law), 7 ran. Open Midn: 1, Newstarsky (Miss.
J Curnings, 4-1), 12 ran.
CEANNICTON (Intr. Wileston): Must. 1

SEAVINGTON (Little Windsor): Hunt 1. Fareday (N Mitchell, 1-6 fav), finished elone. 3ran Open Mdn (5-7yo) 1. Genus A Hand (I Mitchell, 11-4) 10 ran. Men ia Open. 1. Earl Boon (I Mitchell, 11-4) 10 ran. Ledies 1. From Cover (Mitchell, 12-1av), 3 ran. Ledies 1. From Cover (Mitchell, 12-1av), 3 ran. Ledies 1. Avni Showers (R Atlanson, Intermediate: 1. Avni Showers (R Atlanson, 4-7 fav), 2 ran Popria (Nov Indees), 1. Mighty Felcon (Mitchell, 12-1av), 5-27, 8 can. Rest. 1. Four Leal Clover (J Julya 4-5 tav), 9 ran. MICHEL MORECOLM, G. Manghayti, Mitter, 1.

WEST NORFOLK (Fakenham): Hum: 1, Rough Edge (W Wales, 4-5 lev) 7 ran

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NOVICES HURDLE (£2,250. 2m 11Dyo) (9)

5.15 kliotic. 5.45 Secret Bay. 6.15 Undawater-scubadiva. 6.50 Struggles Glory. 7.20 Slievenamon Carl Evans: 5.15 Idiotic, 5.45 Billion Dollarbill. 6.50 Struggles Glory. 7.20 Slievenamon Mist.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) 5.15 ROBERT LENTON MEMORIAL HUNTERS

CHASE (Amateurs: £1,147: 3m) (6 runners) 1 14-11 DROMON LEADER 29 (D.F.G.S) J Turner 12-12-7 A Sansome (5)
2 F614 DROTE 13 (F.G.S) P Chamings 91-2-1 C Vigors (5)
3 P401 IONO 23P (G.S) A J Merin 10-12-0 Andrew Martin (7)
4 4023 KINSHBAL 00 22 (D.F.G.) C Paier 12-12-0 A Parter (7)
5 /4-11 TASMAY'S FRIEND 29 (B.C.D.F) Mr. G Ry 10-12-0 J Free (7)
6 /P512 WOODY WILL 10P (F) Mr. E Coverey 11-12-0 Mrs. E Coverey (7)

9-4 Charlet 5-2 Dremon Leader, 3-1 Pursituation, 7-1 Tangent's Friend, 10-1 Woody 1878, 12-1 Kino 5.45 GEOFFREY BEVAN MEMORIAL NOVICES

HUNTERS CHASE (Amaleurs: £1,220: 3m) (10) 1 RRP2 CARDANA RED 17P (H.F.G.S) J Termer 10-12-7 A Sansonne (5)
1 RRP2 CARDANA RED 17P (H.F.G.S) J Termer 10-12-7 A Sansonne (5)
2 1111 SECRET BAY 15 (F.G.S) C Demis 8-12-7. S Swiers
3 -7971 BRLUON DOLLARBOL 29P (F.G.) Mar P Telety 9-12-0 M Gorman (7)
4 DO-LI COOL BARDT 65P Mrs D Gressif 7-12-0 T Hals (7)
5 F-PP LOYAL GAIT 17 (7) A Cardagno 9-12-0 Andrew Martin (7)
5 F-PP LOYAL GAIT 17 (7) A Cardagno 9-12-0 M Cordey (7)
6 PA45 MR PRIBALL 31P (8) Mrs D Cordey 10-12-0 M Cordey (7)
7 ULRS MOTARY-NOWELL 10P (B.G.) Mrs R Pillungton 11-12-0 R J Barrati (7)

B 4533 SMART PAL 29P (6) 8 Xnor 12-12-0 Mrs F Needham (7)
3 -U15 TAU 10P (F) Mrs F McListum 12-12-0 A Warr (7)
10 POP2 SPACE MOLLY 16P (8) Mrs N Let 8-11-9 Mr P Cowley (7) 6-4 Secret Bay 3-1 Cardinal Red, 7-1 Billion Dollardal, 9-1 Tau 10-1 others

6.15 sps advertising amateur riders

5-4 Absolute Lumit 5-1 Gode Path, 6-1 Undanguersculanding, 10-1 others

(£3 408: 177 31 7 44y0) (9)

1 (1450 - RDEFONTAINE 200 (0.F.G.S) W.M. M. 6: 70-0 R. Harfin (3) 95

19) 00-4 PIAC CREEK 8 (0.F.) 1 8 adding 4-3-13 . Pat Eddary 99

3 (4) 242- MARSHTY PHANTOM 213 (0.F.6) I febts 4-3-17 M febts 92

4 (2) 130 - AFON ALWEN 196 (6) 5 Wilhiams 4-3-16 M Harry (3) 97

5 (6) 510: LAST LAURH 1744 (0.F.6) N Babbace 5-6-9 B Doyle - R. Martin 196 (1) 4460 HBLF FARM DANCER 17 (C.B.F.6) W Septomer 6-3-5 R. Maillen 15 95

7 (5) 0-00 ON THE WILDSIDE 5 M Channon 4-8-0 P P Namphy (5) 91

8 (6) -342 PORTITE SOPRIE 5 (6) M Brittom 6-2-40 B Phanch (5) 95

9 (3) 055- BROAZE MAGUETTE 300 R Somptom 7-7-10 B Phanch (5) 95 9-4 Pite Creck, 3-1 Portite Scothe 7-2 Might; Phantom 5-1 Koulontaine 10-1 Alon Alven Hell Farm Dancer 12-1 others 6.50 HUNTINGDON RESTRICTED SERIES

(Amateurs: £1,548: 3m) (10) | Armateurs: £1,548; 3m) (10)
| 1 | 1111 | STRUGGLES GLORY 17 (D.F.G) & Robinson 6-12-7 | O.C. Robinson (7)
| 2 | -111 | MESTER SPECIATOR 24P | F1 | Min | A Hickman 9-12-4 | SAnctions (8)
| 3 | 1113 | BALLYALLIA CASTLE 31P | F.G) | Min | J. Pazel 8-12-0 | N. Bloom (7)
| 4 | 322 | GRASSINGTON 24P | F7 | S. Duni 5-12-0 | S. COOL Bunk (7)
| 4 | 432 | SGREBURY STAR SPP (G. Min | D. Sin | 9-12-0 | P. Bull (7)
| 5 | 4-13 | GREPBURY STAR SPP (G. Min | D. Sin | 9-12-0 | P. Bull (7)
| 6 | 43P | SOME TOURIST SPP IN Brackland 9-12-0 | J. Connect (7)
| 7 | 2-1 | TARRY ARMSLE 16P (6) C. Hean (1)-12-0 | J. Connect (7)
| 9 | 4214 | CURRENT ATTRACTION 10P II Hall 11-11-9 | Mins & T. Tuttor (7)
| 10 | 66F2 | GROW (7 A BASH 29P (F) Min A Clorer 3-11-10 | T. Monter (7)
| 1-1 | Structure (Story, 5-2) Minist Speciation 7-1 | Sallication (2216, B-1 other, 7)

7-4 Struggles Glory, 5-2 Misser Speciation 7-1 Ballicalita Casale, 8-1 others. 7.20 DR WAKES-MILLER GOTH BIRTHDAY HUNTERS CHASE (Amaleurs: £1,240: 2m 4f 110yd) (15)

7.50 EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,338: 2m 51 110ya) (6)

3.1 Steersmann Med, 6-1 itembelds Families, 5-1 Hitteffen Lad, Się Young Alta 10-1 Not My Line Counterbid, 12-1 Making Time, 14-1 offers

| HERTS HARMSHAF MURBLE (2.2,530 2)| 11 TOYU) (0)
| BF-R PERSKN VEW 6 (6.5) K Bule, 7-120 | R Water (7)
| PRINC DEFLAY 10 (6.5) A Parts (1-7)-12 | S Sporbing (7)
| 6021 SHOWSHLL SHAKER 10 (6) K Taction-Research 1-5 M Rimel (8)
| 4 2340 ABLE PAYER 6 (F.6.5) K Deers, 10-11-3 | M H Dilver (7)
| 5 252 KRG S SHLIME 27 (F.6.5) in Ohen 10-11-4 | M H Dilver (7)
| 6 845 SCRIPT 38 (F.5.) J Seaton 5-19-9 | D Borner (3) 4-6 Sportfull Shaker, 5-1 Able Player, 6-2 Person Vice, 10-1 Ping's Shilking. Screen, 16-1 Plane Display

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: K Bailey, 36 winners from 72 runners, 36 fts, 1 Pasica, 7 from 32, 21,9%, 1 Getons, 16 from 76, 21 fts, 130 other qualifiers. JOCKEYS. No qualifiers

CRICKET: UNHERALDED BOWLER DELIVERS VICTORY FOR WARWICKSHIRE WITH FIVE-WICKET DISPLAY

Brown rips rivals apart at the seams

By JOHN THICKNESSE

won toss): Warwickshire (2pts) beat Worcestershire by six

TURNING up was about all Warwickshire needed to do to win their opening group A Benson and Hedges Cup match at New Road. Worcestershire, batting pitifully, were dispatched for 96 in 37 overs and, by 5pm, had been buried

by their fellow Midlanders.
It was a good toss for Andy
Moles to win, but not so good that Dougie Brown, 27, nor-mally fourth seamer, should take five for 31 - two wickets better than his previous com-petition best — after taking the new ball and bowling his ten

overs in one spell.

That Stuart Lampitt topscored from No 9 and the lastwicket stand was worth more than double the next highest says all there is to say about the Worcestershire batting. Accurately as Brown bowled, the home side would expect to score 180 to 200 if they could

have another go at it. Batting with little distinction in reply. Warwickshire were 36 for four by the fourteenth over. Lampitt and Newport sharing the wickets. But Worcestershire had too few runs to play with and, as soon as Ostler and Penney applied themselves, Warwick-shire cruised home. They had 19.4 overs in hand when Ostler made the winning hit. Brown's figures were all the

WORCESTER (Warwickshire had so much time for the waiting on the back foot for several seconds. Within a couple of overs, however, the innings began to fall to pieces. Ostler taking a sharp low catch in the gully from a sliced

square drive by Weston. Not only did Worcestershire fail to recover, but an hour and a quarter passed before a batsman even penetrated dou-ble figures. Solanki becoming the first to do so when he pulled Welch for two with his eam in irreversible decline at 39 for six.

There was movement both through the air and off the pitch for the four Warwick shire seamers, in Brown's case mainly in from the off side off the ground; Worcestershire, naturally, would also have fielded had Moody won the toss. Even making allowances for the help the bowlers got, however, it was a woeful piece of batting, not least in stroke selection.

When Rhodes, square-cutting, was bowled off the inside edge in Brown's third over, the warning lights should have been flashing in the Worcestershire dressing-room. But it seemed that Moody could not have been watching. Twenty minutes later, in Brown's fifth over, Moody was out in much the same way, bowled via the inside edge by what, to a man of 6ft 6in, was a good length ball while attempting a back-foot force through extra cover.

more unexpected for his open-Brown's next victim, Spiring offering being confidently pulled for six by Rhodes, who ing, leg-before for nought at 28 for four, was a rarity — a



Brown, whose spell with the new hall put Worcestershire on the way to defeat, appeals for leg-before against Hick

batsman genuinely beaten by pace and movement off a full attacking length. But the next two were no more nor less than giveaways and Hick, on whom his side was so dependent, was one of them.

Rhythmically as Donald bowled in a six-over spell with the new ball, during which there were four maidens, Hick was seeing the ball early enough to leave five balls alone in one over. Yet directly Welch replaced Donald, for

the thirteenth over, Hick incomprehensibly tried to hit his second ball over the top for four, only to drag it to mid-on. It was not a stroke calculated to recommend him to David Lloyd, the watching England

Nevertheless, in the next over Leatherdale capped it. With Worcestershire in the soup at 33 for five, he aimed to square-cut a ball from Brown that, had he left it, John

a wide. Instead, he edged it to the wicketkeeper. Solanki and Haynes added

19 for the seventh wicket, but it was only when Newport joined Lampitt for the tenth that conditions and bowling were put into perspective. Despite Donald bowling four of the 12 overs that it took them to add 40, Warwickshire had to call up Giles, the slow lefthander, to break the stand, Lampitt slicing him to back☐ India have sought the help of two leading experts from New Zealand to improve their

lifeless pitches. Keith McAuliffe, director of the New Zealand sports turf institute, and Russel Smith, head groundsman at Fitzherbert Park, in Palmerston North, are visiting cricketing centres in India to conduct soil tests, study the methods adopted to prepare pitches and suggest measures that might be used to improve them.

carving ambitiously at a ball outside off stump from the lively Betts and giving Speight the easier of his two

Dowman looked good until he got out, but a more significant loss was that of Johnson, who tried to work the extravagantly to leg and was

This is a match devoid of overseas players. Nottinghamshire are hoping that the back injury that Mohammad Akram, their signing, sustained in the Test he is playing in Colombo will not prevent him joining them later this week, even if it keeps him out of a one-day tournament in India next

Derbyshire rely on Adams to salvage their pride

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

LAKENHAM (Derbyshire won toss). Derbyshire, with eight wickets in hand, require 91 from 18 overs to beat **Minor Counties**

IF DERBYSHIRE head down the long and winding Benson and Hedges Cup road to Lord's, they will remember this salutory warning. They bowled badly, looked to a batting line-up lacking substance and thanked their lucky stars for Chris Adams. man England have

Adams thrashed 95 not out. with ten fours and three sixes from 83 balls, and resumes today in flourishing partnership with Dean Jones, During a bizarre attempt to beat the weather and win the match weather and with the match before the third and terminal rain stoppage, Devon Mal-colm batted at No 3 with a brief but violent flourish. Much of the day had belonged to the Minor Counties.

The butcher, baker and candlestick-maker buckled down to this annual challenge, delving somewhat starry-eyed into the world of other professionals. This time, it was the Newark florist, Mark Fell. and the factory superviser, Richard Dalton, of Bedfordshire, who took up

the cudgels.

From the depths of nine for two, the Minor Counties, with only six previous competition wins in various guises from 129 games, reached the peaks of 256 for seven — only 16 runs short of their highest total when the competition was five

overs longer.

These delights also put
Derbyshire's support bowling
into perspective. It was abject.
Once Phillip DeFreitas and Malcolm disappeared from the attack, Andrew Harris and the left-armers. Kevin Dean and Glenn Roberts, were dispatched with ease.

Fell, 36, in his Lincolnshire testimonial year, made 67 from 69 balls with a six and seven fours against the county he represented 12 years ago after his release by Nottinghamshire.

Dalton, a past captain of the England Indoor XI and a tourist to South Africa with their squad last winter, also enjoyed himself hugely, hitting four sixes and eight fours in a 59-ball innings of 76.

Their batting, together with 43 not out from Stewart Laudat, also illustrated that the pitch was not what it appeared, despite the venerable Wayne Larkins making a 12-ball duck on his Minor Counties debut. Slow and with a green top, it offered precious little movement and Derbyshire's outfielding was variable.

Scotland reeling as Maddy signals humiliation

By RICHARD HOBSON

LEICESTER (Scotland won toss): Leicestershire beat Scot-land by 178 runs

A SCOTTISH bowler took five wickets in the Benson and Hedges Cup yesterday, but, unfortunately for Scotland, Dougie Brown was playing for Warwickshire rather than the country of his birth. Officials remain optimistic that Brown will make himself available for the World Cup in 1999, but, on this evidence, the Scotland attack will need further reinforcements to avoid acute embarrassment when they face Australia and the

West Indies.

Eight of the squad that secured third place in the ICC Trophy had exhausted their holiday entitlement in Malaysia and were pursuing their various full-time occupations yesterday. Those who ap-peared at Grace Road might have wondered what pleasure they truly derived from taking such an emphatic beating on a dreary afternoon.

Leicestershire's total of 371 for six was the second-highest in the competition and the best since it moved to a 50-over format last season. The tempo became increasingly rapid and Darren Maddy was only denied the century his wristy strokeplay merited when he was caught at long leg at-tempting to reach that landmark in the grand manner.

Scotland were effectively attempting to conduct a damage limitation exercise even during the later stages of an opening stand of 159 in 25 overs between Maddy and Ian Sutcliffe. Aftab Habib recorded a half-century from 34 balls thereafter, John Dakin struck 28 from just 14 and Graham Hurlbatt suffered the ignominy of having to open a gate and run into Milligan Road to retrieve the longest hit of the day from Gregor McMillan, whose parents were born in Scotland. Huribatt might have tried to lock himself out.

Scotland, too, began comfortably, but lost wickets regularly once Bruce Patterson had his leg stump removed by Dakin at the end of a firstwicket stand of 76 with fain

Leicestershire expect to be strengthened tomorrow by the arrival of Neil Johnson in time to play against Nottinghamshire in their next group B fixture. They finally completed the signing of the 27-year-old South African all-rounder after protracted negotiations yesterday. Johnson, a lefthanded batsman and medium-pace bowler, was originally contracted to play for Netherfield and Leicester have paid £7,500 in compensation to the Northern League side.

Russell will

not budge

over book

Boon provides bedrock for renewed ambition Simon Wilde, who is following Durham's Benson and Hedges campaign

Tictory is not a word that often appears in the vocabulary of Durham cricketers, but they may be uttering the word today after their Benson and Hegdes Cup group B match was carried over when the fourth rain interruption ended yester-

Nottinghamshire will resume this morning on 94 for three, 26 overs into their reply to Durham's workmanlike 230 for five — a total that may just prove sufficient on a typically slow Trent Bridge pitch. With Robinson, Downan and Johnson out, Nottinghamshire will have to play well to reach their target.

In view of the fact that they have won only once against county opposition since the start of the 1996 season, Durham hardly go into matches

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this week, sees them get off to a promising start against Nottinghamshire

started the process of strengthening

With Nottinghamshire's assortment of seamers moving the ball around, the first-wicket partnership of 82 between Lewis and Collingwood gave Durham just the steady start they needed.

They both fell within the space of four overs, Collingwood bowled by the tidy Bates one short of a deserved half-century and Lewis caught leg-before by Archer for 38. Boon came in

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oveburdened with self-belief, but to act as the rock on which the rest of natural game. already there are signs that David the innings was built, the more Boon, their new captain, has already important as Morris was missing, nursing the injured thumb that he suffered in the opening champion-ship match at Old Trafford last week.

He lifted Tolley for one effortless six over mid-wicket, but generally contented himself with working the ball around. His unbeaten 64 - his third in four innings for his new county — occupied 73 balls but more importantly he saw to it that he stayed until the end of the 50 overs, enabling the likes of Roseberry, Speak and Speight to play their most

Roseberry, who spent the winter become as elusive as the Holy Grail, showed one or two classy touches, only for it to go to his head.

He danced down the pitch once too often to Bates and was comfortably stumped by Noon. Noon later brought Speak's highest innings for his new club to an end with a fine running catch from a top-edged pull. Nottinghamshire could have done with Robinson dropping anchor in the style of Boon, but he was strangely unfaithful to his character.

bowled by Boiling. Much today may depend on Archer, who played elegantly through the on side in moving serenely to 34.

Experience pulls Sussex through

By Ivo Tennant

HOVE (Hampshire won toss): Sussex (2pts) beat Hampshire

DOWN the years, the Benson

have excelled. They have nev-er reached the semi-finals and.

in their last three encounters

with Hampshire, have not

won once. Hence this victory,

achieved after a heavy defeat

the previous day and batting initially yesterday without much initiative, was to be

A partnership between two

of their more itinerant cricket-

ers effectively won the match. Sussex were 117 for five and

then 144 for six, having been put in to bat, when Bill Athey

was joined by Paul Jarvis. Together, they added 87 in ten

overs through the kind of

judicious strokes that come

with years of experience. Hampshire, in spite of two

THE Sri Lanka opening and Hedges Cup is not a competition in which Sussex bowlers and batsmen combined to put their side in a strong position on the third day of the second Test against Sri Lanka in Colombo

Sri Lanka

open way

for victory

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

yesterday.
At the close, Sanath
Jayasuriya and Russell Arnold had consolidated some
good work from Chaminda Vaas and Sajeewa de Silva, the seam bowlers, by sharing an unfinished partnership of 102, giving Sri Lanka an overall lead of 141. The first Test in the two-match series was drawn. Jayasuriya was undefeated on 61, scored off 123 balls with six fours, and Arnold, playing in only his

The Pakistan attack was depleted by the absence of Mohammad Zahid and Shahid Nazir, the fast bowlers, who were both suffering from back injuries. Pakistan also lost the services of Moin Khan, the wicketkeeper, who did not take the field in the Sri Lanka second innings because of a painful

second Test, was 29 not out.

Sri Lanka capitalised on these injuries to take a firstinnings lead of 39, with Vaas and Sajeeva de Silva taking nine wickets between them to dismiss Pakistan for 292 at

right heel.

Sri Lanka took the last four Pakistan wickets for 16 runs. three of them being claimed by Sajeeva de Silva, who finished with figures of five for 85 in his second Test.

Moin was dismissed two runs short of his fourth Test century after an exhilarating innings which lasted only 109 balls and included three sixes and nine fours.

possess sufficient depth of batting. Theirs is likely to be a long season.

So, after being beaten by Northamptonshire the previous day, this was just the fillip Sussex needed. That applied, not least, to Robin Marlar, their new chairman, who was nursing a badly swollen arm yesterday. He announced that



Tony Pigott is now to be chief executive on a permanent basis. The former fast bowler is also on an MCC committee and, consequently, has retired from playing in any competi-tions, including The Cricketer

Both chairman and chief executive were keen to glean what they could from their Hampshire counterparts about ground development. Sussex have not excluded the idea of moving from Hove and wanted to find out about the forthcoming venue near Southampton airport that will

be Hampshire's new home. On the field, the mix of old sweats and not-so-young individuals that comprise this Sussex side showed they could yet fare better than expected this season. In Neil Taylor, they have acquired a batsman who, judged solely on cricketing merit, would not have left Kent. He and the two Yorkshiremen, Athey and Jarvis. are the oldest members of the team. There is still a place in the game for them and they all contributed yesterday. So, too, did Amer Khan, the

leg spinner who has come from Middlesex (and who is no relation of that fellow Lahorite who once played here). He deceived Kendall with a top spinner, bowled Aymes and had James legbefore as he was starting to give Stephenson the support that was needed when Hampshire's innings was faltering.

The captain was last out, having managed only three fours in his innings of 65. Hayden was likewise restricted, his 44 runs including just two fours. There was a little movement for the faster bowlers throughout the day, but not sufficient for such containment. The gold award went - for the first time in his long career - to Jarvis, who cut one back to remove Smith early in Hampshire's innings and took two other wickets to go with his unbeaten 42.

By Alan Lee CRICKET CORRESPONDENT CRICKET is set for another

messy and protracted disciplinary case, once more involving a book and with Raymond Illingworth as a central character. This time, however, the author is Jack Russell, discarding his image as the uncomplaining martyr to deliver what he views as a few home truths about Illingworth's man-management style.

Russell confirmed yesterday that his book, Unleashed. which is already being serialised in a tabloid newspaper, will be published unaltered in three weeks' time, despite his failure to obtain the sanction of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) over the more sensitive passages. The ECB could suspend Russell, who threatens to retaliate in the Courts.

Illingworth is portrayed in an unflattering light and predictably, the retired chairman of selectors is none too pleased about it. Russell refers specifically to the winter tours to South Africa and the World Cup in 1995-96. when Illingworth was team

manager. Russell maintains that he has not broken his contracts, either with Gloucestershire or as an England tourist, but he is aware that he could be charged with bringing the game into disrepute. Tim Lamb. chief executive of the ECB. said yesterday: The board will look at today's [newspaper] article and any subsequent ones and, if there are any concerns then, the

matter will be referred to the

disciplinary committee."

Irani puts case for another chance

By PAT GIBSON

CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss): Essex (2pts) beat Glamorgan by five wickets

RONNIE IRANI'S deflating experience on tour with England during the winter has not dampened his enthusiasm. He was not asked to play much in Zimbabwe and New Zealand and, when he was, his ability was called into question. Nevertheless, he is already demanding another chance in the forthcoming one-day inter-

nationals against Australia. He started the season with 49 and 123 not out in the county championship against Hampshire, scored another 48 in the Sunday league and yesterday saw Essex over their first, tricky Benson and Hedges Cup hurdle with an innings that could not have been more responsible and

Nobody was more grateful than Nasser Hussain, the Essex and England vicecaptain, who had ricked his neck so badly in the field that he was left sitting in the dressing-room taking pain killers and hoping that he would not have to

It looked as though he was going to have to go to the wicket when Essex, chasing a modest 211, began to make as big a hash of their innings as Glamorgan had done, but then Irani took control in partnership first with Danny Law and then Robert Rollins.

Irani, whose concentration had already been disturbed by a 40-minute stoppage for rain, was so confident that he even turned down the umpire's offer to go off for bad light when Watkin began his final spell. Law, who had helped put on 62 in 12 overs, fell to Watkin's third ball, but Irani lost no time in justifying his decision.

seeing off the dangerous Watkin and then virtually settling the match by pulling Thomas for six and driving him for four.

He went on to finish unbeaten on 82, including two sixes and eight fours, off 97 balls, and, with Rollins joining him in an unbroken partnership of 54 in ten overs, Essex won with nearly seven overs to

It was comfortable in the end, but they had made hard work of it after Glamorgan had as good as surrendered the match by losing their last eight wickets for 69. They were going well when Morris and Maynard were putting on 73 in 15 overs, but Morris, looking for a second six off Such, was caught at deep square leg and Maynard got out in the next over. When the captain does something like that, it is difficult to blame anyone

CRICKET

Ealham's big finish sees Kent past resurgent Surrey

By JACK BAILEY

THE OVAL: Kent (2pts) beat

SURREY bowled themselves back from the brink of certain defeat to come within sight of victory with one ball remaining. After looking all over losers when Kent needed 26 runs from six overs with six wickers in hand. Surrey so pegged them back in gloomy conditions that, when the last ball was bowled to Ealham, Kent still needed a single with a corden of fielders grouped round to prevent it. Ealham solved the problem by hoisting Ben Hollioake for six over deep mid-wicket to give Kent a deserved victory.

World Cup lessons have been learnt by English cricket. up to a point. The idea of scoring as many runs as possible in the first 15 overs. before the field disperses outside the circle, seems to have caught on in a big way. The problems occur when the field disperses and the batsmen are caught betwixt and between. Yesterday, Surrey and Kent employed similarly aggressive tactics early on.

Yer, whereas Surrey suffered a mid-innings crisis after reaching 108 for one in their thirteenth over, Kent - with the benefit of knowing what they had to achieve - kent their shape better, so to speak. From 104 for one in 15 overs. they knew that they only had to bat steadily to achieve their target of 258. There were alarms and excursions in the closing stages, with Kent still needing seven to win from the

last over At the heart of their effort, Wells and Cowdrey built on the adventurous yet firm foun-dations laid by Walker and Ward, overcoming the brief hiarus caused by the loss of

Lehmann's absence raises questions

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won toss): Yorkshire have scored 43 for no wicket against Lancashire

ALMOST £3 million has been spent in the winter smartening up Old Trafford and a notice pinned in the pavilion informs members that the club's target for the season is to win the county championship. About time, too, will be the reaction of most, though they will be equally reluctant to relinquish the one-day pots they have hunted with such

The Benson and Hedges Cup and NatWest Trophy are both on show in the museum, their presence appreciated all the more for the fact that Vorkshipe were beaten here in the semi-finals of each competition last year. The teams met again in the opening zonal

yesterday, but the Manchester weather ensured that the re-

union fell depressingly flat. Neither side fielded their overseas player and, if the absence of Wasim Akram was expected, that of Yorkshire's recent recruit, Darren Lehmann, was not.

Yorkshire, concerned that he has not batted competitively for a month, left him out yesterday and warned that the same may happen against Worcestershire tomorrow. Apart from begging a question about precisely how Leh-

mann can demonstrate his readiness, it suggests that Yorkshire may be ambivalent on the issue of having an import at all. promoted himself to open

David Byas, the captain. and, in the 10.5 overs possible. put on 43 with Martyn Moxon, a useful platform for

Walker, whose 50 came from 62 balls with eight spanking fours, and Ward, who fell in the next over.

At 136 for three, Kent were considerably better off than Surrey who, at a similar stage. had rumbled to 135 for six, thanks to some good bowling from Fleming and Strang and their own impetuosity. For his considerable part in helping Surrey to lose their way. Fleming, who captured five wickets in all, won the Gold Award. Running him close was Stewart's sparkling half-century, and Cowdrey's valiant 47 from 66 balls.

Surrey's 257, though a useful total, was a disappointment for them after a start that was not only whirlwind in its conception, but devastating in its ellect. McCague's first two overs cost 14 runs; Headley's

Ealham, brought on to steady things, conceded 27 from his first 12 balls. Stewart and Brown sent up the lifty after 29 balls. Surrey's first hundred came from 66 deliveries and it coincided with Stewart's half-century.

The loss of Brown, at 68, caused no faltering in Stewart's stride as Surrey, their batting order jumbled in the for quick runs, laid about Kent. Stewart's dismissal, though, led to a nasty slide from which Surrey did well to recover, if only partially. Lightning reactions from Cowdrey at silly point, as Stewart advanced a pace or two, led to the Surrey opener being run out. When he left, Surrey were 108 for two in the thirteenth over and, before long, this had been translated

Thorpe survived a confident appeal for a catch at slip when he had made ten, but then grafted as the occasion demanded. Lewis contributed usefully as did Adam Hollioake, batting at No 8 in the reshuffled order, but with Fleming producing his best return in the competition with five for 54, the recovery fell

to 135 for six.



Declan Curry, the Ireland opening batsman, just succeeds in making his ground during his innings of 75 against Middlesex in Dublin yesterday. Report, page 56

Russell refuses to be rattled

(2pts) beat British Universities by 122 runs

ANYONE walking into the County Ground yesterday morning would have been forgiven for thinking that this was one of the outstanding Benson and Hedges Cup fixtures of the day, so great was the number of cameras on Unfortunately, they would have been wrong.

The cameras were there to capture Jack Russell, the Gloucestershire wicketkeeper. who, after the advance publicity for his book, with its adverse comments about Michael Atherton and Raymond Illingworth, now looks safe in adding the word "former" to his England title.

The photographers would also have liked to record

BRISTOL: Gloucestershire his comeback game, but that one will have to wait. The fast bowler had a muscle strain, unrelated to his suspect knee, and did not feature.

> The fuss that surrounded Russell did not affect his performance. He scored an unbeaten 28 from just 15 deliveries as Gloucestershire. after a solid 62 from Nick Trainor, overwhelmed the students' attack, with 114 coming from the last 11 overs. The unlikely rebel then took four catches as British Universities slumped to 63 for six before

> recovering to 159 all out. It might have been an award-winning performance, but Shaun Young, the latest Gloucestershire recruit from Australia, won the man-of-thematch award after scoring 52 from just 53 balls, sharing a partnership of 62 in seven

Alleyne, whose 32 came even more quickly, later completed the catch of the match when he clung on to a fullblooded drive from Tim Hodgson, the Universities opener, who had worked his way to a steady 23.

Chasing 282, the students were quickly in trouble, as Ed Smith and Anarug Singh, both of Cambridge, were caught behind without scoring, and Martyn Ball effectively ended the contest by taking four for 24, his best figures in the competition.

Toby Bailey made up for some indifferent work behind the stumps earlier in the day by scoring 52, completing his half-century with a pulled six off Mike Smith. Robin Martin-Jenkins also did a stout job for the students in picking up four wickets, even if three of

RUGBY UNION

New cup contest mooted

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE schedule next season in England will include a league cup, if plans considered yester-day by the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and representafives of the senior clubs come to fruition. It will be a Sunday competition, to ensure that club rugby can be sustained on a regular basis, even on weekends on which represen-

tative games take precedence. This season, the clubs have had their lingers scorched by the failure of the Anglo-Welsh competition. It virtually sank without trace because of fixture overload, yet the need to build rest periods into a crowded season has to be balanced by the requirements of the professional clubs for a consistent revenue base.

The provisional structure for 1997-98 fits the league cup into November, when England play Australia, New Zealand and South Africa on four successive weekends, and then coincides with dates for the

five nations' championship. The concept involves firstdivision clubs, many of whom would lose their better players to England or England A at the same time, playing development XVs against the strongest XVs the seconddivision clubs could field.

However, there is some way to go before a league cup gets beyond the drawing board and there remains a body of opinion within the RFU that would retain divisional rugby

in some shape or form.
It would provide the matches needed by clubs, not only from a commercial point of view but from a competitive point of view, too, Kim Deshayes, the chief executive of English Rugby Parmership (ERP), the company charged with running the professional game, said. We hope all 24 clubs will agree, though it could go ahead with 20 or 16

A new Sunday competition could appeal to BSkyB, the satellite broadcasting company, which is part-owned by News International (owners of The Times), which will have primary rights to English domestic rugby next season. although the coincidence with international rugby might IN BRIEF

Henman victim of inactivity

TIM HENMAN, the Great Britain No I, dropped one place, to No lô, in the world rankings issued by the Association of Tennis Professionals yesterday, while Greg Rusedski remained at No 40. Henman has gone down because Alex Corretja, of Spain, who reached the final of the Monte Carlo Open, has moved up to No 13.

Henman and Rusedski who have been inactive lately after injuries but are now practising regularly in Lon-don at Queen's Club, hope to return within the next two weeks. Rusedski intends to play in Hamburg next week and Henman is looking to compete at the Italian Open in

Rome a week later. Mark Petchey is the only other British man in the top 200. at No 191.

Hockey: The new English Hockey Association, shortly to be formed by the merger of the Hockey Association with the All England Women's Hockey Association, is seeking a full-time performance director. The appointment will entail a deep study of the performance of national leams and the development of leading players. The performance director will also lead the process of appointing a national coach for the men's team to cover the period ahead including the World Cup in Holland next year. David Whittle will continue as team manager.

Rugby union: The play-offs to decide the last two promotion and relegation places between the Courage Clubs Championship first and second divisions will be played on May 7 and II. The clubs involved are Bristol and London Irish, from the first division, and Coventry and Bedford, from the second. The first division clubs have opted for home advantage in the second legs.

Lacrosse: Australia's 6-0 defeat of Canada on the second day of the women's World Cup in Tokyo yesterday has set a problem for England. who must now beat Australia or the United States to have any hope of a place in the final. Scotland struggled to beat Japan 9-4 yesterday, scoring six times in the last ten

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Benson & Hedges Cup

Essex v Glamorgan CHELMSFORD (Essex won toss): Essex (Opis) beat Glamorgan by the wickels

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D R Lew c Straw b Walkin
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-62, 3-71, 4-95, 5-157 BOWLING: Walkin 10-2-27-1, Parkin 5-0-31-1; Dale 8-0-37-1; Thomas 6-0-60-2; Croft 10-0-23-0, Burcher 3 1-0-13-0, May-nard 1-0-6-0

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Gloucestershire v British Universities BRISTOL (British Universities won tess) Gloucestershire (Opts) best British Univer-sities by 122 runs

GLOUCESTERSHIRE Total (8 wkts, 50 overs) M.C.J. Ball, A.M. Smith and R.P. Davis did not

FALL OF WICKETS 1-40, 2-103, 3-124, 4-167, 5-229, 6-230 BOWLING Manin-Jenkins 10-0-57-4; Jones 10-0-57-1; Boswell 10-1-62-0, Ra-shid 10-0-45-1; Chilton 5-0-25-0, Ford 5-0-27-0

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A Singh c Russell b Smith
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Umpires D J Constant and J F Steele Lancashire v Yorkshire OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won loss) Yorkshire have scored 43 for no wickels against Lancashire

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M. P. Vaughan, B. Parker, A. McGrath, C. White, tR J. Blakey, D. Gough, P.J. Henley, C. E. W. Silverwood and R. D. Stemp to bat BOWLING Martin 4-1-16-0. Austin 4-0-16-0, Chapple 2:5-0-7-0

LANCASHIRE: J E R Gaillian, "M A Alherton, J P Crawley, N H Fairbrother, G D Lloyd, †W N, Hegg, I D Austin G Yates, R J Green, G Chapple, P J Mertin Umpres R Julian and R A White **Minor Counties v**

Derbyshire LAKENHAM (Derbyshira won toss) Derby-shire, with eight wickets in hand, need 91 runs to beat Minor Counties MINOR COUNTIES

MINOR COUNTIES
S J Dean c Kniken b Malcolm
W Larkins c Jones b Malcolm
J P J Sylvester b DeFredes
"I Cockban b Dean
M A Fell b Roberts
R N Detton b Harns
S V Laudal not out
J M Fielding c Clarke b Roberts
N V Radford not out
Extra (b 4, w 11) Total (7 wkts, 50 overs)

M A Sharp and tP J Nicholson did not bet FALL OF WICKETS 1-8, 2-9, 3-31, 4-97, 5-173, 6-229, 7-232 BOWLING DeFreitas 10-2-25-1, Makcom 10-2-42-2, Harrs 10-0-65-1, Dean 8-0-57-1, Roberts 10-1-50-2, Clarke 2-0-13-0 DERBYSHIRE

k, J Barnett e Nicholson b Fell C J Adams not out D E Malcolm c Lerlyns b Fielding D M Jones not out Total (2 wkls. 32 overs) PAJDeFreitas, GAFnan, VP Clarke, 1K M Mikken, G M Roberts A J Hains and k J Ocan to bal. FALL OF WICKETS 1-99, 2-112 BOWLING: Radford 8-0-29-0. Sharp 7-1-25-0. Dation 3-0-31-0; Fielding 7-0-40-1; Fell 4-0-19-1. Laudet 3-0-18-0

Umpres BJ Meyer and BLeadbeara Nottinghamshire v Durham TRENT BRIDGE (Durham won loss) Not implantshire, with seven wokers in hand need 137 runs to beat Durham

DURHAM J J B Lewis flow b Archel P D Collingwood b Bales M A Roseberry st Noon b Bales *D C Boon not out N J Speak a Noon b Plot tM P Speak to Evens M M Beits not out Fatras (tb 8, w 6) Tatel (5 wids, 50 overs) J Boiling, N killeen, S J E Brown and A Walker did not bal. FALL OF WICKETS 1-82, 2-96, 3-122, 4-207, 5-219 BOWLING: Evens 10-1-40-1, Ptcl 8-1-43-1 Talley 9-0-40-0; Dowman 5-0-25-0, Bates 10-0-40-2, Archer 8-1-34-1.

NOTTINGHAMSHIPE M P Dowman e Speight b Killeen R T Rubinson e Speight b Betts G F Aucher not out P Johnson b Botting P R Pollard not out Total (3 wkts, 26 overs) N.A.Gre, C.M.ToBey, tW.M.Noon, A.P.Evans. R.T.Bares and R.A.Pick to ball FALL OF WICKETS 1-13, 2-39, 3-78 BOWLING Brown 6-0-20-0 Berts 7-3-23-1; Kateen 7-0-26-1, Boiling 6-0-23-1

Umpires, 10 Baldersione and H D Bald Surrey v Kent THE OVAL (Kent won loss) Kent (2pts) beat SURREY

SUPHER
A D Brown c Ealham b Fleming
1A J Stowart run out
B C Hollicake b Fleming
I D X Salesbury s: Marsh b Strang
G F Thorpe c Wells b Ealham
M A Buicher c Strang b Fleming
N Shahid b Skang
A J Hollicake c Marsh b Headley
C C Lewis c Word b Fleming

M P Bicknell c Marsh b Fleming J E Benjamin not old Extres (b 1, 15 8, w 2, nb 6) Total (49.5 overs) FALL OF WICHETS: 1-68, 2-108, 3-126, 4-136, 5-128, 6-135, 7-191, 8-222, 9-257 BOWLING: McCague 10-0-61-0 Headley 10-1-47-1 Eafham 10-0-59-1, Fleming 9 5-1-54-5, Streng 10-2-27-2 KENT

M V Fleming c Stewart b Lewis .
M J Walker c and b Salisbury
T R Ward low b Benjamin
A P Wells c Stewart b Benjamin
G R Coxettey c AJ Holloake b Bi
M A Ealham not out N J Llong b A J Holioake
P A Strang por our Eutras (16 10, w 4, nb 16) Total (6 wkts, 50 overs) ... *†5 A Marsh, M J McCague and D W Headley did not bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-44, 2-134, 3-136, 4-232, 6-241, 6-250 BOMUNG Bicknet 7-1-55-0, Lewis 5-0-51-1 8 C Hollicai 8 9-0-50-0 A J Hollicai c 9-0-37-1, Salisbury 10-1-31-1, Benjamin 10-0-48-3

Umpres: J D Bond and V A Holder Sussex v Hampshire HOVE (Hampshire won loss) Sikser (2015 beat Hampshire by 49 runs

Gold award: M V Fleming

SUSSEX F. Groenheid ibw b Utal
V C Drakes c Aymes b Connor
N R Taylor b Stepherson
N J Lentaum b Stepherson
C W J Almay run our
N Newell bin b Udal

"IP Monitor run our
N C Phillips not our
Edras (b 2, 8) 14, w 9, nb 4;
Total (7 webs 50 news) Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) A A khan and M.A Robinson did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-22, 2-60, 3-60, 4-99, 5-117, 6-144, 7-231 BCWLING Connor 10-0-61-1, Renchaw 10-0-47-0, James 10-0-46-0, Stephenson 10-1-34-2, Udal 10-1-38-2

HAMPSHIRE J S Lancy b Jarvis M L Hayden & Robinson b Philips M L Hayden o Robinson b Pri R A Smith o Moores b Janus M Reach o Taylor b Robinson S D Udal run out W S Yendali b Fhan W S Pangsia o Provi "J P Stephenson run oul tA N Aymes b Whan ... K D James tow h Khan C A Cormor b Jarvis S J Renshaw not out ... Entras to 1 to 8, or 6, no 2) 183 Total (47,3 overs) FALL OF WICKETS, 1-14, 2-22, 3-52, 4-53, 5-59, 6-119, 7-159, 8-173, 9-179 BOWLING Janvis 9-3-30-3; Drakes 8-3-0-31-0, Robinson 10-1-19-1, Finan 10-1-31-3: Newell 3-0-22-0, Philips 7-0-41-1

Gold awend P.W.Janas

Umpres A Clarkson and K.E. Palmer Worcestershire v Warwickshire

WORCESTERSHIRE W P C Wesion c Cisiler b Brown 18 J Afrodas o Brown
G A Heis C Glas b Welch
'T M Moody b Brown
I R Spring los b Brown
V S Solain c Glas b Small
D A Leatherdale c Piper b Brown
G B Hayries a Oaller b Small
R J Chapman b Small
R J Chapman b Small
P J Newpord not as: P. J Newport not out Extras (fo 2, w 4) Total (37.1 overs)

Total (no wkt) BOWLING Selim Malir 7-2-13-9; lipz Ahmed 5-0-13-0; Saqlari Mushtaq 14-3-39-0; Mushtaq Ahmed 12-2-26-0. WC-PCESTER (Warwichshite won toss) Warwichshite (2pts) beal Wordestershite by six wichels PAKISTAN: First innings Total 292
FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-13, 3-50, 4-83, 5147 6-238, 7-276, 8-283, 9-283 90WLING: Vaus 27-7-60-4 S C de Silve 24 2-5-65-5; K J Silva 25-5-91-1, Falpage 23-8-42-0, Ranatunge 4 1-1-8-0 Amold 5-FALL OF WICKETS 1 13, 2-25, 2 28, 4-28, 5-32, 6-33, 7-52, 8-56, 9-56 BOMLING: Donair 9 5-3-20-7 Boun 10-0-31-5: Welch 8-2-18-1 Small 6-0-19-3, Siles 2-2-0-5-1, Smith 1-0-1-0 WARWICKSHIRE DiR Brownic Moods 5 Newport NIM Filsmith of Phoods 5 Lampis

Total (4 wkts, 30.2 overs) G Welch, tK J Piper, A F Gres, G C Small and A A Donald did not bed FALL OF WICHETS: 1-8, 2-18, 3-19, 4-36 BOWLING: Newport 8-2-23-2: Chapman 6-0-27-0; Lampri 7-3-17-2; Haynes 6-1-18-0, Leathertiele 3-2-1-12-0 Gold award: D R Brown Umpires J.H. Hempshire and D.R. Shepherd

Leicestershire v Scotland LEICESTER (Scotland won loss) Leiceste shire (2015) beat Scotland by 178 runs LEICESTERSHIRE

D L Maddy it Hurrbair b Williamson 1.) Suiciffe c Davies b Williamson 1.) J Whitake b Blair I. V J Wells b Steindl A Hardy C Smith D Blain J M Davin c Lockhart b Hurrbair 18.5 A Man bett feet. a i Macomillan noi out Dries (B) 4. w 5, no 28) Total (6 wids, 50 overs)

D. J. Millins, M.T. Brimson and A.D. Mullally did FALL OF WICKETS 1-159, 2-182, 3-229, 4-283, 5-339, 6-339 BC/VLING Blain 6-0-82-2 Hurthart 10-1-76-1 Steinut 9-0-61-1, Gourtay 5-0-34-0, Williamson 10-0-61-2, Govan 10-0-53-0 SCOTLAND

11. Philip c Maddy b Wells 8 M W Patterson b Dakin D R Lockhan b Dakin M J Smith b Wells . J G Williamson c Noon b Wells TG Yantah by Maddy

A G Davies not out

J W Govan not out

Extras (ib 11, w 11, nb 4) Total (6 wids, 50 overs) G P Hurtbart, P D Steindl and J A R Blain did

FALL OF WICE ETS 1-76, 2-91, 3-97, 4-102, 5-123, 6-136 BOWLING Muffally 8-1-29-0 Milhs 7-1-25-0, Wells 10-1-35-3, Dakin 5-0-16-2, Brimson 10-1-26-0, Maddy 7-1-23-1, Macmillan 3-0-28-0 Gold award: D.L. Maddy Umpres J H Hams and T E Jesty

Second Test match Sri Lanka v Pakistan COLOMBIO (third day of five). Sri Lanks, with all second-minings wickets in hand, 141 nots ahead of Pakistan.

SRI LANKA: First Innings 331 (P A de Silva 138 not out. S T Jayasunya 72: Saglain Mushtaq 4 to: 115) Second Innings S.T. Javasunya nor oul . R.P. Amold not out Entras (b.6, nb.6)

PAKISTAN: First innings

Salim Etahi o Tillekeratine b Voas . 0

"Ramot Raje c Amold b S C de Silva . 36

ijaz Ahmed c Amold b V C de Silva . 4

Salim Malik o Renatunge b S C de Silva . 24

Inzernam-Uffeio c Kalvuttinarine b Voas 43

Ast Muljabe c P A de Silva , b Voas . 49

Mohi Khan o Atapattu b K J Silva . 23

Mushlaq Ahmed o Atapatu b S C de Silva 1

Mohammed Zalimd e Kalumitharana . b S C de Silva . 0

Shehid Naca not ovt . 0

Erras (b 4, er 4, nb 6) . 14

Total . 292

3:20 S C de Silva was mured after bowlin tive balls of his 13th over on Sunday Ranatunga completed the over Umpres P Manuel (Sn Lanka) and I Robinson (Zmbabwe)

FILM An exclusive interview. Johnny Depp on working with Al Pacino on the film Donnie Brasco.

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FOOTBALL

Georgia on their minds. A preview of England's vital World Cup qualifier against Georgia at Wembley.

IN TOMORROW'S

INTERFACE

The dark side of the Internet. Cyber stalking of the famous and what can be done to stop it.

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SNOOKER

Continued coverage from the Crucible as Stephen Hendry pursues a seventh world title.

CHANGING TIMES

GOLF: RYDER CUP VETERAN RECOVERS HIS TOUCH AS 1997 MATCH APPROACHES

Bruiser James back in the hunt

THE quarry has suddenly shown itself after remaining out of sight for an age and the old hunter has pricked up his ears. If history is anything to go by, he will not be satisfied until he has his teeth sunk firmly into his target's rump. It is Ryder Cup year. Mark James is back.

James won the Spanish Open at the third hole of a play-off at La Moraleja II on Sunday with a performance that saw him at his obdurate. adhesive, bloody-minded best. On the face of it, he should not have had the barest whiff of a

Consider this: he had not won for more than two years: in finishing 116th in the European order of merit in 1996, 84 places worse than his previous lowest in a distinguished career, he had not driven well. hit his irons well, putted well or, crucially, thought well. Moreover, he was playing against Greg Norman, the man who needed only a topten finish to regain his place from Tom Lehman at the top of the official world rankings. it was like pitching a scarred bull terrier in a race against a greyhound, was it not? No chance. And yet. . .

James is a doughty battler at any time. Give him a challenge and he will rise to it, he is that sort of a chap — but dangle the words "Ryder Cup" in front of his quizzical, moustachioed face and the bull terrier turns to rottweiler. The rules of engagement this time were simple - the winner takes £85,000, the loser gets a good deal less and a golfing bloody nose.

The "X" factor was Sam

Ryder's famous old trophy. James becomes a different man in odd-numbered years - it is as though his circadian rhythms depend on lining up against 12 Americans some time in September when the dates cannot be divided by

To be honest, at the end of last year there seemed more probability of James sailing And a good thing, too.

round the world single-handed in a shoe box than of him claiming a place in the 32nd Ryder Čup. Men who finish Noth in the order of merit simply do not play in Ryder Cups. This one might, however.

Ask him why he loves playing in the match and he will probably think a bit smile a sardonic smile and give a reply born of a wit that is as dry as the finest Chablis. Take no notice — he loves it as much as the next man, especially if he happens to be Sam Torrance, another player of certain years who likes a few games of golf and a good cry come Ryder Cup time.

James is about to enter his 22nd summer as a PGA European Tour player and professional golf has been kind to him. This son of Lancashire who lives in Yorkshire - he has a lovely house and a much-cherished garden in Ilkley — was a likely lad in the days of his youth. His antics in the company of Ken Brown ruffled a few feathers in the 1979 Ryder Cup match at The Greenbrier.

They are so embedded in the curriculum vitae of both men that they will never shake them off, no matter that they are now both highly respected, James, still, as a player and, as the chairman of the European Tour's tournament committee, Brown as one of the wise men of televised golf.

On the course, James is as difficult to beat at the age of 43 as he was a decade ago. Until 1996, that is, but events on Sunday have put him back on the right track.

"This win was very impor-tant," he said. "You can get lost and if you lose it for a season or two at my age, there is less incentive to work your butt off to get it back." Now the incentive has re-

turned and on it is painted. in big red letters, "Valderrama, 1997. He has not been very far away, it is true, but wherever he was, he's back.



James signals his delight after winning the play-off for the Spanish Open title

FOOTBALL

TABLE TENNIS

Syed fails to save England

By RICHARD EATON

A DETERMINED victory by Matthew Syed over both Peter Karlsson, the world No 15. haustion was not enough to rescue England from defeat against Sweden at the world championships in Manchester vesterday.

The result ended the men's team's hope of reaching the quarter-finals, but a 3-1 defeat and the right to play-off for places nine to lo were satisfactory rewards from a campaign

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AUTOCHTHON

often exceeded expectations.

dead mentally and physically," said the Commonwealth champion, whose retrieving around the back of the court requires him to work harder than any of his colleagues. "I just tried to eke something out, fight as hard as I could and

When Syed was a game and 12-16 down, his efforts looked

WORD-WATCHING

(a) The old-fashioned form of monster. "I am so glad to see that

(a) A self-important little man. From High Cockalorum, an

energetic game said to be not unlike leap-frog. The exact nature of this game is obscure. But it sounds very similar to the modern game of General Elections, in which self-important little men

(c) Illogical reasoning, the illogicality of which the reasoner in

question is unaware of. From the Greek for beyond or beside reason. "Ah. Herr Professor, how can I possibly be expected to

(a) An original inhabitant. The highfalutin' Greek synonym for the Latin aboriginal. Incidentally, there is no such word as aborigine. But aborigines is an acceptable plural for aboriginal.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... Qe7! And if 2 fxe7 Bg7 and Black will emerge much material ahead.

(and women) make fools of themselves.

ing Julie is learning to ride. Look at them go now: mount and

in which performances have to have been in vain, but he hung on and a couple of That was certainly true of mistakes with forehand loops Karlsson's confidence.

Once Syed had pushed the match into a third game, the Swede misread increasingly the defensive spins and Syed's victory was completed when Karlsson hit another forehand loop off the table, immediately appealing loudly both to the umpire and his own teammates that it had taken an edge. His appeals changed nothing and Syed was the

winner by 17-21, 21-19, 21-17. Carl Prean stretched Jan-Ove Waldner in the first game, but the former world champion was too full of silken too soins for his opponent and won 22-20, 21-13. Jorgen Persson beat Alan Cooke in straight games and Cooke also lost the last encounter, to Waldner, 21-14,

Later, with Syed rested. England lost 3-0 to Austria. which means that the highest they can now finish is thirteenth.

A later group defeat against Belgium meant that Sweden were forced to confront China, their great rivals, in the quarter-finals. Sweden's misgivings were justified - China

TODAY'S FIXTURES

European under-21 championship Qualifying group two England v Georgia (at The Valley, 7 45)

Group four Sweden v Scotland (at Troffhattan, 5 30) Romania v Ireland (at Bucharest, 6 45)

Kick-off 7 30 unless stated

Cartisle v Rochdale (7 45) ...

Vauxhall Conference

Welling v Stalybridge (7.45)

LIEFA UNDER-18 CHAMPJONSHIP: Intermediary round: England v Portugal (at Gog Lane, Bury)

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Gloucoster v Dorchester, Hactings v Crawley Midland division: Dudley Town v Bedworth; Stafford v RC Warwick, Cup: Final, second leg; Sudbusy Town v Burton Albon

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Blyth Spartans v Findsley, Lancaster v Buston, Sperwymoor v Beshop Audsland; Wifdon v Colwyn Bay Pirst division: Fantley Cettic v Great Harwood, Gretna v Bradford Pf. Ave. Harrogate Town v Netherfield, Legn v Radchife, Worksop v Droylsden League Cup: Final: Beston v Garasborough (at Smoll Bank, Lincoln)

Bank, Lincoln) ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division; Aylesbury : ICIS LEAGUE Premiter division: Aylesbury v
sation United, Borelma Wood v
Purified
(7.46) Bromley v Yeovit Oxford City v Enfield
First division: Woldingham v
Chosham
Second division: Banskead v Egham Barking v Collet Row and Romford Horsham v
Dovicing, Metropolitan Police v H Hempstead
Third division: Ayelov v Epsom and Ewell,
East Thurnod v Cispton, Hornohurch v
Sturball

least Thurnos' v Clapton, Hornoburch v Southall AVON INSUFANCE COMBINATION: First division: Walford v Cardilf (al Chesham United FC) West Harn v Orderd Und (al Degenham and Rectinide FC 2.0) (Windlesdon v Charton (al Plough Larre 2.0) PONTINS LEAGUE Premise division: Oscham v Birmingham (7.0), Sheffield Wednesstay v Derby (7.0), First division: Sheffield United v Covenity (7.0), Sheffield Wednesstay v Derby (7.0), First division: Sheffield United v Covenity (7.0), Second division: Manchester Covenity (7.0), Second division: Manchester (Av v Stockport (7.0), Rollierham v Barney (7.0), Gill BERT LEAGUE OF WALES, Company Rhyl v Cemisos Boy Salirinoff; Riish LEAGUE: Premier division, Play-off, first leg: Bargor v Ards WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First di-

vision: Chatham v Lordswood; Cray v Bedsenham; Greenwich v Tunbridge Wells; Herne Bay v Corinthian, Whitslable Town v Sheppev LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Cocidostes v St Margaretsbury MINERIVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE. Premier division: Bugleswade v Wetwyn Garden; Buckingham Arthetic v Potters Bar: Letchwinth v Langlade.

Garden; Buckingham Americ v Poters Bar. Letchworth v Langlord. ENDSLEIGH MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Coleshill v Handrahan Imbers; Massey Ferguson v Highgale Bichmond Swits v Coventry Sphins, Southam v David Lloyd, Wellesbourne v

PIELLENIG LEAGUE: Premier division: Abringdon United v Burnham Almondsbury v Endislegh Bloesler v Highworth. COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE Raynes Park Vale v Netherne, Reeding Town v Viving Sports, Westfield v Goodalming and Guildrod. NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Midgingve v Bootie: Newcastle Town v Nerthich Town

SSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier of affron Walden v Southend Manor, S v Concord Rangers JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE:

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe Weltare v Sheffield, Hucknall Town v Arnold: Pickering v Liversedge; Portetract Cols v Ossoti Albon

CRICKET Benson and Hedges Cup

(Prefude and Serenade), Schumann (Overtum, Manfred): Shostafrouch (Film Music: Alone, excerpts); Mozart (Piano Quartet in G minor)

9.00am Morning Collection, with Penny Gore Includes Adams (The Chairman Dances);

Consider USeason (Propositions) Berson area neugos vogo 11 (), 50 overs DUBLIN (Castle Avenue): Ireland v Middlesex OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire v Yorkshire LAKENHAM: Minor Counties v Derbyshire Suite. Op 40)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Edward Blakeman Includes Ravel (Rapsodie Espagnole), Tippett (Songs for Ariel); Wiren (Serenade for Strings), Britten (Les Illuminations), Massenet (Piano Concerto in E flat) TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v

RUGBY UNION Courage Clubs Championship Fourth division south Chettenham v Henley (8.0) . Welsh League First division

wansea v Caerphilly (7 0) **RUGBY LEAGUE** NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE, Pre-mier division: Dudley Hill v Olcham Si Anne's (7 30)

(Concert Overture; Symphony No 2)

4.00 Spirit of the Age. The third programme of the monthly sense supporing the history of dance Dancing and playing have diverged gradually since the 19th Century, however Jeremy Barlow and Michelene Wandor explore what dance can still letture about miseral endomments. OTHER SPORT

One for the Dando fan club

TELEVISION CHOICE

BBC1, 7.00pm For those who cannot get enough of Jill Dando, whether it is reading the news, hosting Crimewatch or lolling on some tropical beach (in the cause of duty, naturally) here is yet more. The Dando fan club will recall a previous edition of Fasten Your Seatbelt in which she tried to pass herself off as an air stewardess. Despite dropping things and getting in a muddle over change, she now moves on to a bigger challenge as she joins the staff of Walt Disney World in Florida. She starts modestly with a dustpan and broom before donning a wig and dark glasses to play a 1940s Hollywood starlet and after that skippering the librals. Jungle Cruise. Celebrities threatening to make fools of themselves in future programmes include Carol Smillie as a hotel waitress and Toyah Willcox as a chalet girl.

Children's Hospital BBC1, 8.00pm

Most of the patients featured in this series are in Alder Hey Hospital in Liverpool through no fault of their own. Baby Fiona, whom we met last week. was born with a hole the size of a 10p piece in the wall of muscle beneath her lungs. She is on the mend from life-saving surgery. Steven, who is ten. has brittle bones and has undergone six operations to insert metal rods in his legs and arms. Surgery on his club foot may enable him to walk for the first time in his life. But the horrendous burns suffered by 13-year-old Martin were nobody's fault but his own. He was "surfing" on a coal train when he was electrocuted by an overhead cable. Not that the Alder Hey medics are in the business of making moral judgments. Martin gets the same level of care and treatment as any of the hospital's other young charges.

Touching Evil TTV. 9.00pm

Faced with an almost impossible challenge, a new format for a police series, the writer Paul Abbott has come up with a national rapid response unit inspired by the FBI and specialising in organised and serial crime. Less original is the unit's star man, a detective inspector (Robson Green from

Jill Dando in Disney World (BBCl, 7pm)

Abbott's Reckless), who, like many of his television ilk, uses unorthodox methods and has an unhappy marriage. His sparring partner is another DI (Nicola Walker), only 23 and seemingly young for her rank. Abbott also wrote for Cracker and this new show has the brooding Cracker look and something of its dramatic intensity. The first case concerns the abduction of children in Britain and Germany. With only one suspect, the question is not whodunnit but whether they can pin it on him. The two-part story concludes next week.

Cutting Edge Special: One Night Stand Channel 4, 9.00pm

Meet three very different people with one thing in common, the archetypal formula for a television documentary. Bonnie is 24 and a single mother, Mark a 28-year-old bachelor and Jean-Yves a gay man in his thirties. All are practitioners of the one man in his intrues. All are practitioners of the one night stand, enjoying the pleasures of sex but determined to avoid long-term commitments. According to the film, which follows them to various night spots in search of a pick-up, they have no difficulty finding temporary partners of like mind. Or or have we are not shown the times nave no uniculty inding temporary partners of like mind. Or perhaps we are not shown the times when they return empty-handed. It may seem a curious way of life but all three make a case for it. They say the danger is getting to like the person too much, making it difficult to get out of the relationship. At least lean-Yves manages to extricate himship. At least Jean-Yves manages to extricate him-self with some delicacy and style. Peter Waymark

The first time I was made aware of James Hamilton Paterson's gift for using prose to explore

musical side-streets was when BBC radio adapted Gerontius, his Whitbread prize-winning novel that created a fiction out of Elgar's actual trip up the Amazon in 1923. The Music is a collection of his short stories. Radio 3 has dipped into them,

selected five, and Ron Berglas reads them every

night this week, starting this evening with Knight. It is the tale of an American pilot captured and

tortured by the Victoong. Given such a harrowing

situation, few writers would have dared to

introduce into it a Vietnamese hon-viveur, sitting at

a piano and playing a Bach partita and one of the 48 preludes.

Peter Davalle

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour 6.00mm Newshour 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 World Today 7.30 Anatomy of Addiction 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 Touched with Pre 8.45 Good

Relationship Guide 9,10 Pause for Thought 9,15 A Cry in the Dark 9,30 Everywoman 10,00 Business 10,15 Making of Hamilet 10,30 BBC English 10,45 Sport 11,30 Ch Screen 12,30pm Anatomy of Addiction 1,00 News in German 1,15 Britain Today 1,30 Health Matters 1,45 Sport 2,00 Newshour 3,05 Outlook 3,30 Multimack 4,05 Sport 4,15 Performance 2,00 February 1,50 February 1,5

3,05 Outlook 3,30 Multitrack 4,05 Sport 4,15 Performance
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Britain Today 6,15 World Today 6,30 News in German 6,45
Sport 7,30 One Planel 8,01 Outlook 8,25 Pause for Thought
8,30 Megamix 9,00 Newshour 10,05 Business 10,15 Britain
Today 10,30 Mendian Live 11,30 World Today 11,45 Sport
12,05am Outlook 12,30 Megamix 1,30 Farming World 1,45
Britain Today 2,30 Discovery 3,30 Meridian Live 4,05 Business
4,15 Sport 4,30 Europe Today

RADIO CHOICE

The Music

Radio 3, 8.10pm

Croft Originals Radio 2, 9.30pm

The history of British television comedy would have taken a very different course if David Croft had stuck to his first love, singing in stage musicals. "I sang quite well", he tells presenter lan Lavender in tonight's Croft Originals. He most certainly did. We hear his interpretations of Ko-Ko from The Mikado and Hard-boiled Herman from Rose-Marie. But fate decreed that Croft should turn to television, producing, directing and cowriting with Jimmy Perry and Jeremy Lloyd such hit comedy series as Dad's Army, Hi-De-Hi and It Ain't Half Hot Mum. Croft is now in his seventies and talking seriously of retirement. This tribute to him is well deserved, though, in my opinion. somewhat overdue.

RADIO 1

Internew with Torry Elair 7.00 London Music Week, Includes music from Lindleum, AC Acoustics and Tindersticks 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Claire Sturgess 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 2 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jammy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Alan Freeman: Their Greatest Bris 8.00 Nigel Ogden 9.00 Culncy Jones — The Dude and his Music 9.30 Croft Ongmals. See Choice 10.30 Richard Alfinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE 5,00em Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme. ncludes Racing Preview 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mar 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale requirement 7.00 News Extra 7.35 The Tuesday Match Introduced by Simon Mann Includes coverage of England's Under-21 game against Georgia 10.00 Brian Hayes's Election Night 12.00 After Hours with Vincent Hanna 2.00am Up Aff

TALK RADIO 5,00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James

Handel (Music for the Royal Fireworks), Komgold

Granados (Escenas Romanticas), Grieg (Holberg

Concerto in E. Bat)

1.00 Composer of the Weelc Haydin

1.00pm The BBC Orchestras. BBC Scottish
Symphony Orchestra, under Gastano Delogu
With Ult Hoelscher, piano Dvorak (Overture.
Hustiska); Prokofiev (Violim Concerto No 2);
Brahms (Symphony No 4 in E. minor)

2.30 Voices. Jain Burnside presents an irreverant compilation of songs that explore the themes of worth and antilescentee.

youth and adolescence (r)
3.15 The BBC Orchestras. The BBC Philharmonic.

under Vasili Sinaisky Includes Szymanowski

still tell us about musical performance (f)
Music Machine, Verity Sharp taks to Elizabeth
Thompson, editor of the Dylan Companion, about
the impact of Bob Dylan's music in the 1960s

4.00am Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 10.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Concerto, Krumpt 6) 3.00 Jame Crick 7.00 Newshight 7.30 Sonata. Beethoven (Horn Sonata in F major, Op 17) 8.00 Eventing Concert Schemann (Overture, Scherzo and Finale, Op 52), Havdn (Symphony No 78 in C minor), Mandelssohn (Cam Sea and Prosperous Voyage, Op 27) 10.00 Michael Mappin 2.00am Concerto

CLASSIC FM

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Bartis (AM) 10.00 Mark Forresi 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

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6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes Brahms (Viola Sonata in F minor, Op 120 No 1);

5.15 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty Includes Faure (Elegy in C minor, Op 24); Handel, an Harty (Water Music); Roussel (Suite in F major, Op 35)

7.30 Live at Turner Sims. Paul Guinery introduces the first of five live concerts from the Turner Sims Hall in Southampton. With Arburo Pizarro, piano Chopin (Four Ballades) 8.10 The Music: Knight, by James Hamilton-Paterson. See Choice (1/5) 8.30 Concert Part Two. Scriabin (24 Preludes, O

11); Stravinsky, Iranscr Agosti (Three Pieces from the Firebird) the Firebird)
9.30 learns Risting. The second of five programmes exploring the creation of the aeroplane
9.55 The BBC Orchestras, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Tadaaki Otaka, Takemiksu (Dreamtime); Maw (The World in the Evening)
10.45 Night Waves, Richard Coles talks to the author Edmund White about his latest novel, The Farewell Symphony, which like this preciding that it.

Symphony, which, like his previous work, with coming to terms with homosexuality. Plus a first-night review of Lorca's Donna Rosita, directed

first-night review of Lorca's Donna Rosita, directed by Phytida Lloyd, and Charles Nicholl charts the lost years of the young poet Arthur Rimbaud 11.30 Composer of the Week: Rachmaninov (f) 12.30em Jazz Notes, Digby Fainweather presents the first of three programmes featuring Andy Sheppard's Moving Image, recorded at Romie Scott's in Birmingham 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes 1.00 Haydn String Quartet in D. Op 50 No 6, Frog): Bartok (String Quartet No 6) 1.55 The Vienna Symphony Orchestra, under Horst Stein. With Rudolf Buchbinder, piano, Brahms (Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor) 3.00 Schools 5.00 Sequence

novel set in Hong Kong. Plus a look at an

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, includes Sports News and Thought for the Day 8.50 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party 8.58 Weather 9.00 Meets 9.00 Election Coll. Party Conservation 9.00 News 9.05 Election Call. Peter Sisson listeners' questions to the leader of the Labour

Party. Tony Blair 10.00 News; Walston Goes Walkabout (FM). Oliver Walston discovers a different pace of life in the rural scene of Insh Republic (4/4)

10.00 Dally Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray

11.30 All in the Mind, with Professor Anthony Clare.

This week's programme includes a report on the work being carried out by the Institute of Psychiatry's Child Trauma Clinic in London 12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Lesley Riddoch 12.25pm Word of Mouth, Russell Davie: sensical song lyrics and the art of the threatening letter (5/6) 12.55 Weather

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1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Books and Company. The last in the
current series includes a biography of the film
maker Joseph Conrad. With Richard Coles (r)
2.30 Comparing Notes with Brian Kay, Brian Kay
supplicates niangles and player-pages with

rivestigates pianolas and player-pianos with guests Rex Lawson and Denis Halt 3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan, Shelle McAllister talks about the thals and tribulations of her move from a lashionable abode in West London to a damp cottage on the liste of Wight 4.00 News 4.05 Kalefotoscope. Paul Vaughan talks to the author Paul Thomas a be mistigated. the author Paul Theroux as he publishes his lalest novel set in Hono Kong. Plus a look at an autobiography of the poet R.S. Thomas
4.45 Short Story: Ivan and Welly, by Michael Carney
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Minor Adjustment, by Andy and Eric Merriman. A six-part comedy about a temily writh a young daughter who has Down's Syndrome. Starring Peter Davison, Samantha Bond and Peter Jones With Claire Russell and Sarah Merriman (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4. Toolcal news and up to the minute.

7.20 File on 4. Topical news and up to the minute features with reporter Jolyon Jenkins

8.00 Science Now. The psychologist Martin Conway presents a look at the latest in brain-scanning lechniques (r)
8.30 The Network. In the first of a new series of the

programme that explores the information age, Alun Lews looks at the history and the future of 9.00 in Touch. Peter White with news and leatures tor

visually impaired people
9.30 Kaleldoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hilton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: One of Ours, by Willa Cather. 10.45 Book at Bedtime: One of Ours, by Willa Cal 10.45 Book at Bedtime: One of Ours, by Willa Cal Read by Ian Porter (7/12) (r) 11.00 Mediumwaye. A review of the week's media events with Vincent Harma (r)

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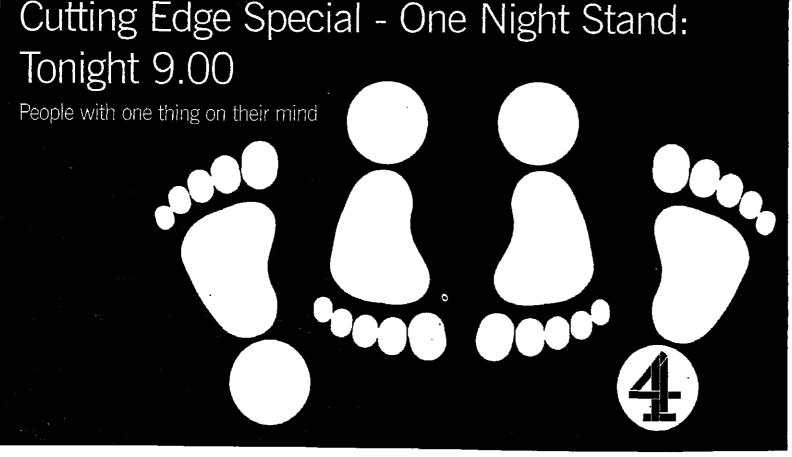
11.30 A Night with . . Natalie Hodgson. The active 83-year-old talks about the Importance of night time in her busy schedule, which includes bee-keeping, levender Larming, water-skiing and gliding (2/6) (r)

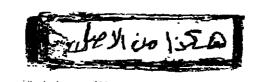
12.00 News incl 12.27am approx Weather

12.30am The Late Book: High Fidelity, by Nick Homby. Read by Alan Davies (7/10)

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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This thriller was fatally infected with apathy

engage the anxieties of an audience. Don't go across that contaminated field! we may hiss, curling up on the sofa. "Don't cut your finger!" "Don't make friends with that loony!" What a shame, then, that last night's much-trailed epidemic thriller Breakout (BBCI) was so ponderous and unconvincing that it completely by-passed this usual type of audience appeal. "Oh go across there if you must," we yawningly instructed the poor dupes destined to be infected by a superbug. "Yes you, madam. Woman with the woolly hat. Bear right and follow the path. You can't miss it."

Why was Breakout so bad? Well, there is a theory about the first (hilariously bad) quarto of Hamler that it was dictated illegally to a printer by the actor whold played the minor role of Marcellus (the night-watchman). What

h, the power of drama to clinches this theory is that only Marcellus's rather functional lines are delivered fully and ungarbled. while the larger plot of regicide, soliloquy and madness he cheerfully busks. (Act Five comes out something like "Oh, and then there's a swordfight and they all

Were a scholar of the future to conduct the same sort of textual analysis of Michael Stewart's Breakout, he would immediately guess that it was written by a lab technician, since all the brighteyed passion went into lines such as Then I extracted the DNA super-natant (the stuff floating on the top)" while the larger matters of suspense and characterisation were left forlornly to fend for

Basically, there was this lab with this genetic super-bug, and it got out. Within the lab, people kept telling each other things they knew already: "There is no way a

bacular [sic] virus can jump the species barrier!" "Our loan is dependent on approving the pesticide!" There is an issue of principle here. It's a question of truth and the public's right to know!" Ho hum. It went on like this for an hour and a half. Meanwhile, Neil Dudgeon was insanely miscast as an entrepreneurial boffin, and Samantha Bond wrestled admirably with a character that had no history, no interest, and (strangely) just the one jumper. She found herself unaccountably attracted to the ambitious Romanian research student Stefan (Marius Stanescu) who, of course, decided to kill her when they were alone in the lab at night. Ho hum again.

ack in the safety zone of the 1890s and Bramwell (ITV), scientific disagreement proved it could be a good deal more arresting. Dr Robert (David Calder) being now fully enamREVIEW



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oured of the rich widow Mrs Costigan (Maureen Beattie), he had his big chance last night to impress her with his medical machismo. He puffed out his chest and was immoveable. And to be honest, it was rather thrilling.

Mrs Costigan's baby nephew was suffering from a twisted intestine - we must operate at once, says Robert. But "No, never!" declares the rich widow, who has

personal reasons for abominating the knife. Enter top surgeon Aubrey, who happens likewise to be in love with her. Producing a little rubber hose, Aubrey says grandly he will clear the blockage without surgery, by pumping gas up the child's backside! Robert is alarmed (as is the baby). Both doctors fling slanderous accusations and then lock antiers above the cot, while Mrs Costigan's pretty blue eyes fill with boiling tears.

And who is proved right, finally? The poor constipated baby, having already been (in vain) pumped up like a balloon, feels the surgeon's blade nevertheless, and is preserved from death by a bit of good old-fashioned slicing. "There's a lot of damage been done to the intestinal wall," says Robert. thoughtfully fingering a little red worm hooked around his finger. "But I think we caught it just in time." His defiance of Mrs Costigan may have cost him his happiness, but he is a doctor and has saved a life.

But what's this? Mrs Costigan isn't angry with him anyway? "Having fought you so hard," she announces, "I know what you are. And I can think of no one whose judgment I would trust more." So. while the baby (unseen) does a massive, blissful pooh in the background, Robert takes Mrs Cosngan's hand. "I care for you, Alice." he says, "I care for you very much." Alice gasps. "And I thought I'd lost you!"

ome months ago. I posited a theory about how East-Enders (BBCI) is written, in an attempt to explain how young Joe had stopped being mad like a light being switched off. Did the production office put little fuzzyfelt symbols next to each character's name? Did Joe's "Mad" symbol fall off one day and get sucked up by a vacuum cleaner? It

was as good an explanation as any for this merciful release, but how I wish I'd never mentioned it now. Dammit, somebody has found the bit of fuzzy-felt in the vacuumcleaner bag, They've wiped off the worst of the fluff, and stuck it back on the wall.

So Joe is back to staring weirdly at people, and talking in paranoid riddles, and reading War of the Worlds with his mouth open. But at least this time his usually obtuse mum Lorraine hasn't failed to notice. "I saw all the signs, I just kidded myself," she confessed last night. Joe invited a load of downand-outs into the flat at midnight, and called them his disciples and for once Lorraine didn't look up at him with those weird wide eyes and say That's nice, love. You needed some friends."

Perhaps it was Lorraine who knocked that fuzzy-felt off the board in the first place? I wouldn't

6.00am Business Breakfast (37165) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (70104252) 9.05 Election Call Leader of the Opposition. Tony Blair, answers viewers' questions

10.00 Style Challenge (12271) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (77523) 11.00 News (T) and weather (4163287) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (9533078) 11.35 Snooker: World Championship Early

Simultaneous broadcast with Radio 4

coverage from the quarter-tinals Shelfield's Crucible Theatre (3795962) 12.35pm Good Living (9140455) 1.00 News (T) and weather (35610) 1.30 Regional News (50787639)

1.45 Neighbours (T) (16337225) 2.10 Snooker: World Championship Live coverage as the quarter-finals take place in Sheffield (4018287)

3.30 Mouse and Mole (9150146) 3.35 Playdays (6454436) 3.55 Arthur (6458252) 4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (5631504) 4.35 Prates (7877455) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5528504)

5.10 The Lowdown Proble of a 12-year-old sulterer of the relatively common skin disease vitiligo (8483225) 5.35 Neighbours (t) (T) (913349)

6.00 News (T) and weather (900) 6.30 Regional News (252) 7.00 Holiday: Fasten Your Seatbelt Jill Dando experi-

ences the travel industry first-hand at Disney World in Florida (T) (9946) 7.30 EastEnders Lorraine is forced to face the shocking truth about Joe. Gita discovers Sanjay has been hiding something and Carol and Alan have cause for celebration at last (T) (436)

8.00 Children's Hospital The paediabicians treat a teenager who was badly burned when a prank on a railway line went wrong (T) (6146) 8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart Groom-to-be

Gary begins to have second thoughts as his wedding to Phoebe draws ever close 9.00 News (1) and weather (962829)

9.50 Party Election Broadcast by the Conservative Party (T) (727691) 10.00 The British Academy Awards 1997

Lenny Henry introduces the star-studded gala occasion live from London's Royal Albert Hall as celebrities gather to honour the best in the worlds of television and film. Famous faces appearing include Michael Caine, Richard Harris, Kate Winslet, Alison Steadman and Stephen Fry. Subsequent programmes may run late (61657523) WALES: 10.00 Week in Week Out Special. Election '97 (397287) 10.40 The British Academy Awards 1997 (28345726) 1.00 FILM Midnight Cowboy (134295) 3.00 News

12,15am Midnight Cowboy (1969) John Schlesinger's Oscar-winning drama following the offbeat but touching friendship between a streetwise New York vagrant (Dustin Hoffman) and a naive Texas country boy (Jon Voight) (157450) 2.05 Weather (3671769)

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Gemstar Development Ltd. 6.00am Open University: The Thrie Estaltis (2797165) **6.25** Angelica Kautlman, RA (2709900) **6.50** The Albart Memorial

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (T and signing) (8591078) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (4675233) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (T) (5177707) 8.20 Juniper Jungle (r) (3669726) 8.35 The Raccoons (r)

(9395165) 9.00 Study Ireland — History (79981) 9.30 Believe it or Not (2753829) 9.45 Watch (2678184) 10.00 Teletubbles (10813) 10,30 Come Outside (2887691) 10.45 Science Zone (5822287) 11.05 Space Ark (4071252) 11.15 Go for It! (7554287) Hear! (r) (T and signing) (66417)

12.30pm Working Lunch (99287) 1.00 Teaching Today (33252) 1.30 Testament: The Bible in Animation (98558) 2.00 Juniper Jungle (r) (42504875)

2.10 The Village Last in series (15862261) 2.35 A Perlect Arrangement (7280981) 2.40 The Beauty Spot (5062320) 3.00 News (T)(7054252) 3.05 Campaign Roadshow (T) (9364287) 3.55 News (T)

4.00 Snooker: World Championship Further action from this atternoon's quarter-final matches (8559097) 5.15 Racing from Ascot Julian Wilson

introduces the 5.30, 6.00 and 6.30 races (313829)6.45 Heartbreak High (T) (973788)

7.30 Snooker: World Championship Further coverage of the quarter-finals from the Crucible (96523)

8,30 Food and Drink The best of the 1996 vintage (T) (6523)



D.B. Woodside outs his case (9pm)

9.00 Murder One A shady criminal comes forward with damning evidence against the Malia Attorney's Wyler and Grasso present their closing arguments and await the jury's verdict in the Sharon Rooney trial Moseley (D.B. Woodsioe) Rickey Latrell case (T) (6504)

10.30 Election Broadcast: Conservative (T) (923436)

10.35 Newsnight (T) (822558)

11,30 Snooker: World Championship David Vine introduces the closing trames from the day's quarter-final matches from the Crucible (56349)

12.30am Learning Zone: O.U.: Caught in Time (53479) 1.00 Artware Computers in the Arts (43653) 1.30 Evaluating Pre-School Education (82030) 2.00 Stop and Think (36011) **4.00** Teaching and Learning with IT (19769) **4.30** Film Foucation, A Day in the Life of Goldeneve 6.00 Film Education Production (77547)

6.00am GMTV (6081900) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (3920523) 9.55 Regional news (2042610) 10,00 The Time, the Place (14639) 10.30 This Morning (61402271)

12.20pm Regional News (4763639) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9136252) 12.54 HTV Crimestoppers (79752349) 12.55 Shortland Street (9144271) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (64513146) 1.50 Alternoon Live (99162676) 2.20 Vanessa (T)

(14194391) 2.50 Atternoon Live

3.20 News (T) (7061542) 3.25 Regional News (7060813)

(5319542)

3.30 Wizadora (r) (6507523) 3.40 Potamus Park (r) (9165078) 3.50 Bimble's Bucket (T) (9154962) 4.00 Garfield and Friends (T) (5646436) 4.15 Hey Arnold! (r) (T) (8539894) 4.40 Island (T) (8682894)

5.10 The House Home improvement magazine (1993523) 5.40 News (T) and weather (189455) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (697252) 6.25 HTV Weather (943078)

6.30 The West Tonight (T) (953455)

6.55 Election Broadcast: Conser Party (818558) 7.00 Emmerdale Chris lashes out at Zoe and Betty gives Bifl an ultimatum (T) (5894) 7.30 Family Circles: Four Uncles, One Aunty and Me An imitmate portrait of 11year-old Aimee, a first-generation Britishborn Indian girl whose family where expelled from Uganda, resettled in Bristol and set up the "Sweet Mart" store in

8.00 The Bill Boulton suspects the man behind a hammer attack is someone he has tried to arrest before (T) (4542) 8.30 Police, Camera, Action Alastair Stewart exposes the high-speed antics of

careless motorcyclists(T) (4879)



9.00 CHOICE Touching Evil Robson Green stars as maverick officer DI Dave Creegan in the first of three two-part crime untilers (T) (1320)

10.00 News (T) and weather (87900) 10.30 Regional News and weather (748287) 10.40 A Cut Above (1989) with Malthew Modine and Daphne Zuniga. A working-class medic feets out of place among the

monied students and adopts a cavalier approach to his studies that brings him into conflict with his teacher. Directed by Thom Eberhardt (88117962) 12.40am Dating the Enemy (7364479) 1.40 Stand and Deliver (3536059) 2.45 The Chart Show (ri (6260214) 3.30 Jones and Jury (92834721) 3.50 Football Extra (r) (5109634) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r)

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9144271) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1993523) 6.25-6.55 Central News (605271) 7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (504)

12.40am Collins Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (9700063) 1.15 Film: Red Wind (1991) A thaller directed by Alan Metager (584276)

2.55 in Focus (6266498) 3.40 Football Extra (9319030) 4.20 Central Jobfinder '97 (4551301) 5.20 Asian Eye (2849363)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.20pm-12.30 Illuminations (4763639) 12.55 Home and Away (2448894) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (70110894) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1993523) 6.00-6.55 Westcountry Live (580287)

7.30-8.00 Animal Passions (504)

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6.23 Anglia Weather (944707) 6.25-6.55 Anglia News (605271) 7.30-8.00 Homemaker (504)

Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (20875) 9.00 Bewitched (71349) 9.30 Film: Dodsworth (37004469)

11.20 The Hunt (7473368) 11.35 Extreme (3712829) 12.30pm Ricki Lake (11455) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (52346310) 1.15 Pingu (57396815) 1.30 Film: In This Our Life (76244078)

3.20 Fresh Pop (7050436) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (726) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (233) 4.30 Taste of the Times (417)

5.00 5 Pump (6900) 5.30 Countdown (487) 6.00 Newyddion (689368)

6.05 Heno (788558) 6.35 Bob Yn Ddau (950368) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (430829)

7.25 Glangwili (319726) 8.00 Eryri A'i Chriw (2184) 8.30 Darllediad Etholiadol: Celdwadwy (997639)

8.35 Newyddion (812829) 9.05 Etholiad 97 (131417) 9.50 Etholiad 97 (585542) 10.05 Brookside (566875)

10.40 Northern Exposure (724962) 11.40 Party Election Broadcast (250423) 11.45 Animation (502252) 12.00 Midnight Special (686547) (51672) 5.00 Garden Calendar (73996) 1.35am-2.35 Hill Street Blues (4297011) 5.30 News (97301)

6.00am Sesame Street (20875) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (25233)

9.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (71349)

9.30 Dodsworth (1936, b/w) with Walter Huston as a wealthy retired industrialist who goes on a European trip with his wife (Ruth Chatterton) and discovers a new meaning to his life. Directed by William Wyler (37004469)

11,20 The Hunt A dialogue-tree documentary looking at both sides of the hunting debate (7473368) 11.35 Extreme (r) (3712829) 12.30pm Light Lunch (68726) 1.30 Avondale Dogs (22194788)

1.50 Raising the Wind (1961). A comedy about the misadventures of a group of music students being taught under the baton of James Robertson Justice. Directed by Gerald Thomas (T)

(42253252) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (726) 4.00 Filteen-lo-One (T) (233) 4.30 Countdown (T) (417) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (6900) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (487)

6.00 Friends Chandler sees Rachel in the buff (r) (T) (610) 6.30 Friends On his first date for nine years,

Ross bumps into his former wife (r) (T) (951097) 6.55 Fresh Pop (735900)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (3338) 8.00 The Graceful Art of Success A look at the successful antelopes who avoid being lions' prey (T) (2184)

8.30 Brookside Can Max and Susannah's relationship survive the events of recent days? Who is the mystery woman that Sinbad has met? (T) (1691)



Single-mother Bonnie (9pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge Special: One Night Stand Single-mother Bonnie, gay Jean-Yves and professiona bachelor Mark talk about single lile in Britain loday (T) (9962)

10.00 Election Broadcast: Labour Party

10.05 The Good Mother (1988) with Diane Keaton. A divorced mother is forced to choose between her lover (Liam Neeson) and her daughter after her former husband accuses the lover of sexually abusing the girl. Directed by Leonard Nimoy (T) (317252)

12.00 Midnight Special with Vincent Hanna (686547) 1.35 Laxdale Hall (1952, b/w) Hebridean villagers v Whitehall in a comedy with Ronald Squire and Raymond Huntley.

Directed by John Etridge (7786059) 2.55 The Ghost Goes West (1935, b/w) with Robert Donat. A cornedy about an anistocrat haunted by an ancestor.

Directed by Rene Clair (7125769) 4.25 Riders of the Dawn Spanish family saga. English subtitles (r) (6216092) 5.30-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (95943)

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6.00am 5 News Early (7213320) 7.30 Havakazoo (2340078)

8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (2968707) 8.30 WideWorld: Heaven's Delight The Arena Chapel in Padua (2967078)

9.00 Espresso (5030829) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6275078) **10.30** Hot Property (2970542) **11.00** Leeza (9107726) 11.50 Double Espresso (45764271)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Ridge and Brooke are invited to Prince Čmar's Palace (2961894) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9845610)

1.00 5 News Update (92875146) 1.05 Sunset Beach (6960320) 2.00 5's Company (2821225)

3.30 if it's Tuesday, it Still Must Be Belgium
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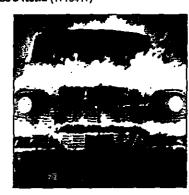
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Florida Everglades (T) (7002788) 7.55 Election Broadcast: Conservative Party (5373523)

8.00 Fame and Fortune The lifestyle of the WBC heavyweight boxing champion Lennox Lewis (1724610)

6.30 5 News (1710417)



Flames of hell engulf Christine (9pm)

9.00 Christine (1983) with Keith Gordon and John Stockwell A horror movie, based on a Stephen King novel about a car that is possessed by the devil. Directed by John Carpenter (1328349)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show (7959731) 11.40 The Comedy Store Clive Anderson, Ben Elton and Alexei Sayle recall their early days on the stand-up circuit (2012184) 12.10am Live and Dangerous Through-thenight sports magazine featuring cover-age of fast weekend's IndyCar

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8.30 Monty Python (9271) 9.00 Cheers (82417) 9.30 Cybill (56523) 10.00 Fraser (19146) 10.30 Garry Shandling (28894) 11.00 Club Cless (87962) 11.30 Nightstand (97287) 12.30am Carna Knowledge (14363) 1.30 Cybill (34030) 2.00 Enteniamment UK (47189) 2.30 Club Cless (59924) 3.00 Fraser (82189) 3.3-4.00 It's Garry Shandling (40276) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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TUESDAY APRIL 29 1997

Cronje displays skills to make Irish eyes smile

DUBLIN (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex need 148 runs in 17.4 overs to beat Ireland

IRELAND have lost their previous nine matches in the Benson and Hedges Cup but today they will surely defeat Middlesex, twice winners of the competition, if first they can beat the weather. Middlesex were in the wars last night, when rain drove the players from the field for the fourth and last time, and they must bat uncommonly well today just to avoid the embarrassment of a heavy defeat.

Replying to a formidable total of 281 for four, Ireland's best score against a county side. Middlesex lost six wickets for 134 before the weather cut short a wet and windy day at 6.50pm. Mike Gatting and Mark Ramprakash are both out, and there is only the tail to come. Neither rain nor wind could dampen the spirits of treland's cricketers, and the

crowd at the Clontarf ground. Predictably, the strongest performance came from their guest professional. Hansie Cronje, the captain of South Africa, is being paid £20,000 for his appearances in this competition and victory today will go some way towards justifying that investment. He made 94 rasping runs, not out, from 82 balls and then took the wickets of Wellings and

J D Curry b Weekes Brown b Fraser .

A R Dunlop, D Heasley, P G Gillespie,

G L Mollins and P McCrum old not

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-72, 2-117, 3-

BOWLING: Fraser 10-3-34-1; Cook 9-0-71-0; Hewitt 10-0-53-1; Weekes 10-0-47-1, Tufnell 6-0-37-1; Dutch 5-0-

Umpires: J W Holder and A A Jones.

.... 281

Total (4 wkts, 50 overs)

Ramprakash with his medium-pacers to remind Middlesex that he is one of the best olayers in the world at this

Andrew Patterson batted well with him at the end and earlier there was a superb innings of 75 by Decker Curry, a left-handed opener of real style. "Don't miss him," somebody familiar with his cleanhitting ways said. "It might not last long, but it will be worth watching." He gave Angus Fraser the charge immediately and was not too respectful to the others, making his runs from 93 balls with two sixes and nine fours.

Brown's high five . Ealham's six appeal 53

Simon Cook, taken on the Middlesex staff after showing promise in Oxfordshire club cricket, found Curry's blade too broad altogether. His first six overs went for 49 and twice he watched good-length balls disappear into neighbouring gardens. Some of the senior Middlesex players found this amusing, but they weren't laughing when Cronje and Leicester all-rounder who captains Ireland, reduced them to penury in the evening..

Curry works in a Derry **DUBLIN SCOREBOARD**

P N Weekes c Gillespie b Heasley 24 P E Wellings low b Cronje23 M R Ramprakash low b Cronje34 M W Gattino c and b Benson . J C Pooley b Benson 11 tK R Brown not out ... Extras (fb 10, w 6) J P Hewitt, A R C Fraser, P C R Tufnell and S J Cook to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-69, 3-104, 4-126, 5-133, 6-134. BOWLING: Gillespie 6-0-22-0; McCrum 6-0-21-0; Heasley 5-0-23-1; Cronje 7-0-33-2; Mollins 5-2-0-15-1; Benson 3-0-10-2

abattoir, but it wouldn't be fair to make too many jokes about his occupation. There is strength in his strokeplay, sure, but there is more to it than that. The first six, which cleared the shorter boundary at long on by at least 30 yards. was effected by a lovely clean swing of the bat and depended for its certainty on the most wonderful timing. When he was set fair for a century, he tried to run Weekes to third man and chopped the ball on to the wicket. Who knows how a man like that would fare in

tainly give county bowlers a chance, but by making his runs quickly he would provide great entertainment - rather more than some familiar names that spring to mind. Effectively he had prepared the stage for Cronje, who dominated the later stages of the innings. In no time at all he was working the ball into gaps for comfortable runs and

professional cricket? He plays lots of shots, and would cer-

when the charge had to be made towards the end he ensured that Ireland could set a challenging target. He clobbered three sixes, one pulled, the other two hit straight and fierce, including a premeditated hit off the last ball of the Where Ireland had set off

like trains, Middlesex began more discreetly, and soon lost wickets they needed to keep in hand. They could survive the loss of Weekes and Wellings but when Ramprakash was leg-before, and Gatting chipped a slower ball back to Benson, there was no disguising the trouble they found themselves in. Pooley played on, and Dutch was stumped. To win from this position

Far more likely is that Ireland will win and on their performance yesterday, they thoroughly deserve to. This is not the strongest Middlesex side but amateurs must still play uncommonly well to beat professionals. What a pity for Ireland that they could not defeat Scotland last month in the ICC Trophy tournament in Kuala Lumpur. Victory today will bring some sort of

414 unanswered points, a Cru-

cible Theatre record, and three

vent John Parrott from claim-

ing a place in the quarter-

finals of the Embassy world

snooker championship in Sheffield yesterday.

Parrott, the champion six

years ago and the only player

other than Stephen Hendry to

lift the trophy during the 1990s, recovered from 40 down to record a 13-11 victory.

Entering the concluding ses-

sion trailing 9-7, Hamilton

won the seventeenth frame

with a 121 break and, from 9-

1), levelled at 11-11 with equally

fluent runs of 129 amd 68. It

was then that Parrott benefit-

ed from another of the positive

responses to adversity that

characterised his overall

He made a 133 total clear-

ance to lead 12-11 and, utilising

his far greater experience, did

not allow Hamilton to pot a

ball in what proved to be the

last frame of the match. Ham-

ilton, who beat Jimmy White

in the first round, has now lost



Hoddle wary of Kinkladze's threat

BY OUVER HOLT FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

GLENN HODDLE, the England coach, wheeled out the heavy artillery at Bisham Abbey yesterday and put on an explosive show of footballing firepower. As the penultimate training session for the World Cup qualifying tie against Georgia tomorrow came to an end, Hoddle emphasised again the message that he has

been hammering home since

the end of last week: England must win. At one Hoddle stood with his back to goal, facing away from a row of metal outlines that were supposed to be men in a defensive wall. Beside him, a select group of dead-ball experts were being put through their paces. In goal, Tim Flowers looked like a man

who had stumbled into a giant coconut shy. They went through a variety of routines, each taking his

turn to shoot. First, it was

be the quarter-final opposition

for Ken Doherty by establishing a 12-4 lead over Dominic

Dale with another exhibition

12-2. Higgins stole one frame on the blue, another on the pink and included breaks of 03, 98 and 76. Dale took the

match into its scheduled third

session by winning the closing

two frames of the afternoon,

but the conclusion that he was merely delaying the inevitable was inescapable. The morning after inflicting the heaviest defeat suffered by

Steve Davis at the Crucible

since the six-times champion

made his debut in 1978.

Doherty was to be found

practising hard in the bowels

of the building. He won the

Regal Scottish Masters in 1993 and 1994, the Regal Welsh

Open in 1993 and will defend

his European League title next

month, but, since turning

professional seven years ago,

he has never produced the

sustained excellence that en-

abled him to beat Davis 13-3

with a session to spare. "To do

that kind of thing on centre

stage has given me a tremendous lift." Doherty, 27, said.

"If I keep up the standard

against Steve. I'll be hard to

Wattana looked likely to join Doherty in the last eight when he built a 10-6 lead over

Lee, despite losing one frame

through a mental abberation.

In the lifteenth frame, the Thai

carelessly lashed at the blue

when Lee required a snooker.

it shot off two cushions, kissed

the black into a middle pocket

and Lee sank the last three

In pulling away from 6-2 to

of quiet efficiency.

Hamilton fails to

topple Parrott

ANTHONY HAMILTON'S all but guaranteed that he will

David Beckham, with his special boots, curling his efforts unerringly over the grey shapes in his way. Next. it was Graeme Le Saux, the least accurate of the four, then Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham, who left Flowers hopelessly beaten time after

At the other end, John Gorman, Hoddle's assistant, was orchestrating proceedings, rolling the ball in rotation to two lines of players who lashed them back at David Seaman. Ian Wright was par-Fowler smashed several leftfoot bullets low into the net to

raucous cheers all around. It was routine stuff, perhaps, the usual non-tactical display that happens towards the end of the session once the media have been allowed in: but it was symbolic, nevertheless, a sign that the shadowboxing is over now and that the headlong dash for points in the pursuit of qualification

for the World Cup finals in

France next year has well and truly begun. After their defeat by Italy at

Wembley in February, England now need to win every remaining game to have a chance of fulfilling Hoddle's stated ambition of qualifying automatically from group two. With a tough tie against Poland in Katowice looming at the end of next month, it is

English ambassador 50 Shilton falls short

especially critical that no points are dropped tomorrow night against the technically

accomplished Georgians. The early omens are good. In contrast to the mass withdrawals that preceded the match against Mexico last month, Hoddle has almost a full squad to choose from. He is deprived only of Ian Walker. the Tottenham Hotspur goal-

keeper, who has been ruled

out with an Achilles problem.

For the first time in his reign as England coach, Hoddle will be able to pair Sheringham and Shearer, too. All of the qualifying match-

es are bigger than cup finals." Hoddle said. "Every game is massive and we have got to be positive. We have got to go out there and assert our game on to them. We have got to ask them the questions and see if they can handle it."

Hoddle is also aware of the attacking threat posed by the Georgia. Hamstrung by an uneven pitch that hampered Tbilisi, Georgia, led by Georgi Kinkladze, the Manchester City playmaker, are likely to revel in the open spaces of Wembley, if England give

them a chance. Hoddle admitted that he is considering man-marking Kinkladze, but said that he had reservations about sacrificing a player to that task. Almost simultaneously, David

Batty, so impressive against Georgia in Tbilisi last au-

tumn, where he and Paul Ince hunted the opposition down and stopped them from playing, sàid that he would relish the task of cancelling out someone of Kinkladze's

"I'd rather win a tackle than score a goal," Batty said. "I've got a poor scoring record, but that has not really bothered me. It's why a lot of attacking players don't like playing in my position. Attacking and goalscoring is the easy part of the game, but I enjoy the other part as much.

about Kinkladze is true. He is a world-class player. He has proved it in England, week in. week out, because he is always Manchester City's top player. We limited his chances on the ball in Georgia, but Wembley's a different proposition. a big pitch and nice turf. Flair players like him are always going to get the headlines, but I'm quite happy to keep doing the job I do. I've always enjoyed winning the ball."

TIMESTWO CROSSWORD

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in the last 16 of nine worldranking tournaments without ever going farther.
"It was like this when I won here in 1991." Parrott, who now faces Stephen Lee or James Wattana, said. "I didn't have a particularly good season then either, but I was

fresh, like I am now, and maybe that's a good omen." John Higgins, who defeated Parrott in the final of the European Open last month,

Gibbs loan rests on final payment

By Christopher Irvine

SCOTT GIBBS is seeking a temporary release from his rugby union contract with Swansea to make a one-off appearance for St Helens, his former rugby league club, in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final against Bradford Bulls

on Saturday.
Should Swansea grant his request, Shaun McRae, the St Helens coach, confirmed that Gibbs might be selected for Wembley, where he was a member of the winning side last year, three months before he left to rejoin Swansea in a



Gibbs: one-off move

£250,000 deal. "As it stands, he's not yet been given permission by his club, but if he is, he'll be considered for selection," McRae said.

Gibbs apparently approached St Helens last week about playing in the final after Alan Hunte, Gibbs's replacement at centre this season. suffered a hamstring tear. Hunte has not yet been ruled out of the final, but his chances appear slim. Andy Haigh and Vila Matautia are alternatives for the right centre position. but Gibbs would be an obvious first choice, despite not having played rugby league

since last July. "It would be a tall order just to turn out on Saturday with-out training with them, but a couple of days would enable me to settle back in without a problem," Gibbs said. He played in the Swalec Cup final for Swansea on Saturday and leaves on the British Isles tour to South Africa next

month, When St Helens sold Gibbs back to Swansea, the club kept his rugby league registration. Swansea would receive a payment and Gibbs a match fee. but the Welsh club is anxious not to be without Gibbs against Neath on Saturday as they seek qualification for the Heineken Cup next

season. Baden Evans, the Swansea team manager, said: "Scott Gibbs won't be playing rugby league this, or any weekend unless there is a large sum of money involved. We are still up to date with our transfer payments to St Helens and Scott is our player. Unless they come up with a very attractive deal, he is not avail-

Wembley, on November 1, Old Trafford (November 8) and Elland Road (November 16) are confirmed as the international venues for the seven-match tour by Australia this autumn. An extra incentive for clubs finishing in the top three of the Stones Super League will be a home fixture against the touring team. In addition, London Broncos are guaranteed a tour match and, should they finish in the top three, the fourth-placed side will be giv-

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Poll's feuding descendants trigger memories of historic assassination



The cause was Europe, the outcome deadly. Damian Whitworth finds strange resonances between 1812 and today

IN THE drowsy villages around Sandringham, the general election campaign has been enlivened by talk of assassination. The monarch, it should be said at once, is not at risk. But in her backyard a political feud is being fought that resonates with the history of a bloody episode in British political life.

In 1812. Spencer Perceval, the only British Prime Minister to be assassinated, was shot on his way to a committee meeting in the Commons by John Bellingham, a disgruntled merchant. Now a descendant of the assassin, Henry Bellingham, finds himself up against a Percival determined to terminate his political career, albeit by the ballot box rather than by any more dramatic method."

Roger Spencer Percival. whose family somewhere along the line apparently replaced an "e" with an "i". claims kinship with the former Whig Prime Minister. He is standing for the Referendum Party against Mr Bellingham, who has held the seat of Norfolk North-West

Then, as now, the sticking point was Europe. John Beilingham lost a fortune on the Continent when he was imprisoned in Russia and he took violently against Perceval when he refused to support the merchant's claim for false imprisonment. Bellingham pleaded insanity after the killing but was hanged.

Henry Bellingham says that he is unimpressed by the historical link. "It is a little nuance of the campaign which is perfectly harmless. Roger Percival doesn't strike me as a descendant of a prime minister. But then I don't

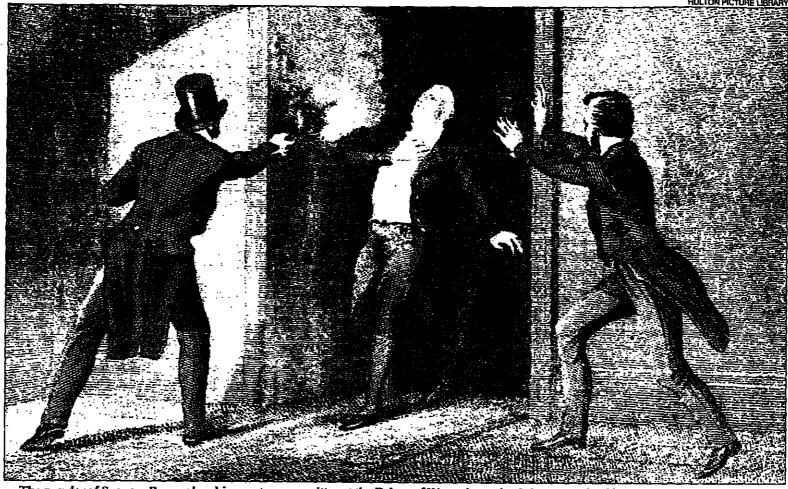
It is true that Mr Percival does not have the appearance of a ruthless political hitman. But while his belief that he will win the seat outright may be a little optimistic, he may just do for Mr Bellingham by taking enough votes to help Labour to sneak in and capture the seal.

Mr Beilingham has a notional majority of a little more than 11,000 over Labour but the Referendum Party has a high profile in the constituency and he knows that he has a fight on his hands. He has responded by saying in his election address that he wants a referendum on the wider issue of Europe and not just on the single currency, to which he is hostile.

Out canvassing in villages close to the Queen's estate yesterday, he skipped swiftly between doorsteps undeterred by heavy showers. When he stopped for lunch in the Rose and Crown in Harpley, he worked his way through a pile of personal letters to constituents who had been discovered by canvassers to be leaning towards the Referendum Party. Mr Percival's kinship with

the former Prime Minister is unclear. The link cannot be traced through the pages of Burke or Debrett. But my father was called Spencer Percival and it is a name that has come down through the family. I am sure there is a

What is clear is that the fight for this seat will stop only just short of pistols at dawn on the Queen's lawn. Henry Bellingham, who has proved himself a crack shot on local sporting estates, is confining himself to shooting from the lip and appealing



The murder of Spencer Perceval on his way to a committee at the Palace of Westminster in 1812, as conceived by a contemporary engraver. Below from left: the killer John Bellingham; Henry Bellingham, with his strong family likeness; Prime Minister Perceval; Roger Percival









Seventies TV icon joins Bell campaign

By CAROL MIDGLEY

MARTIN BELL enlisted the support of a 1970s pin-up yesterday to boost his campaign to take Tatton from Neil Hamilton, David Soul, the blond half of the gun-toting television detectives Starsky and Hutch, posed for photo-graphs with Mr Bell at a cocktail party held in Mr Bell's honour.

The two men have been dinner companions" since they met in Hampstead several years ago when Soul was visiting London. Soul made a one-day trip to Tation to show his support for Mr Bell's anti-corruption stance, joining a list of celebrities including Sir Alec Guinness, who donated Elilo to his campaign, and the playwright Alan Bennett, Soul said: "I'm delighted to come and help Martin."

Mr Bell, a former BBC war correspondent, forecast that Mr Hamilton's 22,000 majority would be dramatically cut.

TATTON

'I think it is going to be

extremely close. Mr Hamilton has been asked by a senior member of his Conservative Association to pledge his resignation if found guilty by Sir Gordon Downey, Yesterday, in an open letter made available by the Bell campaign office, the senior association member said that most people in Tatton would feel able to vote Conservative if Mr Hamilton undertook to resign as MP if the Downey report found him guilty of wrongdoing or dishonourable conduct, or he was he was criticised by the

But Mr Bell said: "What we have from Mr Hamilton instead is a pledge only that he will resign his seat if guilty of bribery or corruption or if the Conservative whip is permanently withdrawn.

"Does this mean that, if elected, he will keep his seat if Downey finds he has acted dishonourably or he is guilty of wrongdoing or that he is criticised by the tax commissioners? I think that the people answer to that.

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Tories expect to regain ground lost in English shires

By IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

WHATEVER the parties' prospects in the general election, the Conservatives expect to do well in the county council polls that also take place on Thursday and Labour and the signed to losing ground.

The Tories can scarcely do worse than in 1993, when the county councils were last contested. A year after winning the general election they were already deeply unpopular. Many of their traditional supporters stayed at home, and the turnout was 5 per cent below the norm.

They lost control of 13 counties and were left in charge of only one. Buckinghamshire. In Surrey and Cheshire they formed a coali-tion with the Liberal Democrats but everywhere else they were forced into opposition, sometimes for the first time.

The Liberal Democrats. who captured Somerset from the Tories and won an overall majority in Cornwall, benefited most. They became the largest party in nine counties and formed coalitions with Labour to control eight others, having a say in the running of 19 of 35 councils. Labour won overall control of seven.

Because this year's county poll is being held on the same

COUNTY COUNCILS

Labour: Derbyshire, Durham, Lancashire, Northampton-

shire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Staffordshire.

No overall control: Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Chesh-

ire, Cumbria, Devon, East Sussex, Essex, Gloucestershire,

Hampshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Lincoln-shire, Norfolk, North Yorkshire, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Suffolk, Surrey. Warwickshire, West Sussex, Wiltshire,

UNITARY AUTHORITIES

Labour: Blackburn. Blackpool, Bracknell Forest, Halton,

Medway, Nottingham, Peterborough, Plymouth, Reading,

Liberal Democrat: Newbury, Torbay, Windsor and

Slough, The Wrekin, Thurrock, Warrington.

No overall control: Hereford, Southend-on-Sea.

Liberal Democrat: Cornwall, Somerset.

Conservative: Buckinghamshire.

Current control:

Maidenhead, Wokingham.

day as the general election, the turnout will be at least double the 35 per cent of 1993. High turnouts in the shires tend to benefit the Conservatives.

Local government reorganisation is also favouring the Tories: since 1993 large urban areas in many counties have been carved out to create allpurpose unitary authorities. This means that these pre-dominantly Labour or Liberal Democrat areas will no longer be part of the county, and power will shift back to the

LOCAL **ELECTIONS**

traditionally Conservative rural areas. However, the Conservatives have little hope of any success in the elections for councils to run the 19 new unitaries. The Tories have failed to win control of any of the unitary authorities set up

The Tories' other problem has been in finding candidates for the unitaries. They are fighting only 84 per cent of these 1,014 seats, compared with 97 per cent being contested by Labour.

Elections for the unitary authorities will create shadow councils whose job will be to

prepare the area for transfer to the new status from next April. Running local affairs in them will remain with the county until then so councillors for these areas will not stand for election now but will continue to sit on the shire authority for a further year. They will then step down leaving a smaller council with only those elected this time in charge.

Paul White, a Conservative county councillor from Essex who is masterminding the party's local campaign, insists that the mood in the shires is changing. "The counties have always been our heartland," he says. "People were disilluand apathetic four years ago, but the general election debate has focused attention on what is at stake. The last election resulted in so many hung councils and that is a terrible way of trying to run things. Alliances between Labour and the Liberal Democrats have resulted in debt and muddle everywhere and after that experience people will want a clear result and return to the fold."

Howard Sykes, who runs the Liberal Democrats' local council organisation from Hebden Bridge, west Yorkshire, expects that up to 10 per cent of those voting for Labour or the Tories in the general election will back his party at local level. "People will vote locally for us with their hearts and nationally pick the party they think will best protect their wallets," he says. "We have been campaigning hard for this local election for over 12 months because we knew when it was coming long before we knew the date of the general election. We are ready. organised and popular."

Steve Bulloch, a former leader of Lewisham council in south London, is in charge of the Labour campaign. "Realistically we cannot do as well as we did in 1993 when we won the most seats of any party. We are largely making this a single campaign with the general election, telling people that if they need to have Labour in power locally if they want to put national policy into practice," he says.



Midget Gems: the parties are arguing over who has best taken up the cause of the manufacturer

Life is sweet for rival candidates when local issue is a little gem

A key marginal is chewing over action on a sales ban, Adrian Lee reports

the Midget Gem has demonstrated that no issue is too want to get their teeth into local issues in a key marginal constituency.

In an argument worthy of a Yes Minister script, a French ban on the confectionery has resulted in Labour and the Conservatives squabbling over who can claim credit for taking up the cause of the local manufacturer. The Chambers Candy Co.

which employs 23 people in Halesowen, West Midlands. had been selling the little gums to the French for several years. The ban was imposed in February because the product contains gelatine, a beef product. The firm, whose gelatine is actually from Brazil, says that it wrote to Labour and the Conservatives seeking help.

Sylvia Heal, the Labour parliamentary candidate, then wrote to Simon Murphy. Labour MEP for Midlands



Simon Murphy, left, wrote to the EC and says that John Kennedy, right, is a "Johnny come lately"

West, who said he wrote to European Commissioners in March. However, the Conservative candidate John Kennedy has twice visited the company's headquarters in recent weeks, and tasted every flavour of Midget Gem. Mr Murphy is now accus-ing the Conservative candi-

date of hijacking the issue for the election. He said: "He is a little late in the day, a Johnny come lately to this." Mr Kennedy said: "He

may have written first, but the point is that he has been ignored. If he wants to say he got involved first, I am happy. This sort of thing

makes politicians look daft." Both reject suggestions that the election campaign has anything to do with their enthusiasm to save the sweet. The new seat of Halesowen and Rowley Regis is Britain's third most marginal, with a notional Conservative majority of 125 over Labour.

Midget Gems are manufactured by at least six companies, retailing at up to £2 a tin, and exported to 40 countries, including Australia and the Far East. The French order is worth about £10,000. Chambers Candy also deals in toffee, butterscotch and coated coffee beans. The French are its second-best after customers

Americans. As the wrangling continues, the company has taken its own measures. Until the ban is overturned, it is substituting chocolate-covered blueberry raisins for the Midget Gems. If the new line proves successful, politicians' efforts may be for nothing.

NEWS WERE **Manifesto** appears in **Ulster Scots**

The Democratic Unionist Party has published its election manifesto in Ulster Scots, a dialect combining English with smatterings of Scottish Gaelic. The manifesto, Democracie

Wioot nae Dublin owerance (Democracy - Not Dublin Rule), declares: "Ulster folks haes a muckle clood hingin abune us aa, like as we hinnae seen afore. The British an Dublin Governments haes cum thegither tae mak a Yin-Cleekit Airlann agin the hairtset o the Ulster-British folk." Or, put briefly: there is a Dublin-London conspiracy to create a united Ireland against the wishes of the Unionists.

Mushy peas vote

The Liberal Democrat candidate in Peter Mandelson's constituency has taken out a full-page advertisement in the Hartlepool Mail claiming that his opponent is out of touch with tastes in the town. It pictures a bowl of mushy peas, which he allegedly once mistook for avocado mousse.

Bearing up

Thirty life-size teddy bears marched through London to call at the three main party headquarters, campaigning for "the Teddy Bear Alliance". Its candidate, Edward Bear, is standing in Kensington and Chelsea. The campaign for "honey for all" is funded by a TV comedy channel.

ELECTION TRAIL

Conservatives: Malcolm Rifkind, Michael Forsyth, lan Lang in Scotland; Virginia Bottomley in the Midlands; Peter Lilley in the South; Kenneth Clarke in Yorkshire; Patrick Mayhew in the West. Labour: John Prescott in Yorkshire and the North West; Gordon Brown in London; Jack Straw in Plymouth and Exeter; Robin Cook in the North West; Harriet Harrian in Southamp-ton; Chris Smith in Scotland; David Blunkett in Wales.

Liberal Democrats: Paddy Ashdown in the West Country; Shirley Williams in Devon and Commell: Pater Thursdoot in Cornwall; Peter Thurnham in Sheffield.

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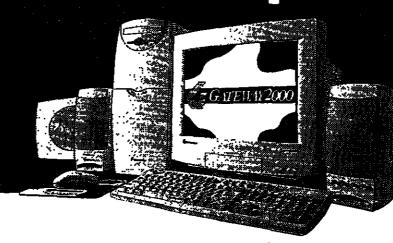
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Confident Kohl insists Britain will join EMU

From Roger Boyes in bonn

HELMUT KOHL the German Chancellor, has offered a tentative olive branch to the future British Government and said he was certain that Britain would eventually join economic and monetary union

The German leader's optimism about Britain's policy towards Europe after the elections was not matched by high expectations for the Amsterdam summit. If that failed, he told an audience in Bad Homburg, "there will simply have to be a Maastricht III or a Maastricht IV.

The German political class seems to be positioning itself for a change of power in Britain. Officials said yesterday they were expecting a visit to Bonn soon of Robin Cook. now the Shadow Foreign Secretary. Mr Cook was quoted in an interview in Focus magazine saying that Anglo-German relations would thrive more in a "sensible, structured and efficient union" than in a loose association of nation

Political commentators in Bonn attached more weight to the Chancellor's comments on Britain than on Mr Cook's view of Germany. The German leader shrugged off the Conservative Party's poster depicting him as a ventriloquist, with Tony Blair as his dummy. "Every country's history has to be treated with respect," he said. Germany was ready and duty bound to allow other countries to take a longer route to an integrated Europe. No doors would be shut in anybody's face. "Europe without Great Britain is a mere torso," he said. When the euro comes, Britain will one day be part of it."

The Chancellor indicated that he was determined to push ahead with his goal of a politically integrated Europe. 1997 is the key year for Europe. If it is not possible to build the house now, it will not happen in ten or 15 years either. The process of European unification must be and remain irreversible."

EMU, the ceiling of 3 per cent

of gross domestic product for public deficits.

The magazine, trying to explain why the independent forecast for the 1997 deficit is

3.2 per cent (rather than 3.5

per cent as predicted last autumn) argues that the Ger-

man Treasury is staggering

debt repayment in such a way

paid in 1997, the decisive year

for EMU entry.

lower interest is being

In the same speech, delivered under the umbrella of the influential Herbert Quandt Foundation, the Chancellor underlined that Germany would resist any move to delay the introduction of a single European currency beyond the deadline of January 1, 1999. The German leader has been given flanking support by the International Monetary Fund, which also warned at the weekend that delay would derail the whole EMU project.



Relatives and friends in Port Arthur's historic church at yesterday's memorial service for the 35 killed a year ago

Australia pays homage to massacre victims

Sydney: Thousands marked the first Several hundred relatives and friends of anniversary of the Port Arthur massacre vesterday with a minute's silence throughout Australia and candle-lit ceremonies (Roger Maynard writes). Flags were flown at half mast to pay tribute to the 35 people killed in the country's worst civilian shooting, when Martin Bryant ran amok with a semi-automatic rifle.

the victims attended a memorial service at the massacre site. Neil Nove, the Mayor, said: "What happened is beyond our understanding." Among the mourners was Walter Mikac, whose wife and two daughters were shot dead by Bryant. He wrote on a wreath to his six-year-old daughter, Alannah: "To my darling Lani,

I can still hear your voice and smell your hair." Hours earlier, it emerged that Bryant, 29, who is serving a life sentence in Risdon top security prison in Hobart, had tried to commit suicide for the third time. The Australian Government said 400,000 firearms had been handed over after the massacre, with compensation of

Maoris on warpath over the **Spice Girls**

FROM PATTRICK SMELLE IN WELLINGTON

FOR the Spice Girls it was just a bit of fun. But for the guardians of Maori culture, their attempt at the best-known Maori haka (war dance) in a holiday resort on Bali was offensive.

Egged on by two New Zealanders among a hundred fans and journalists at a special promotion in the Indonesian resort at the weekend, the group performed the Ka Mate, a haka made famous by the All Blacks.

"It's a bloody disgrace," said Willie Jackson, an Auckland haka expert who manages a local answer to the Spice Girls called Moana and the Moa-Hunters. "The Spice Girls are on dangerous ground," he added.

Sir Timoti Karetu, New Zealand's haka expert, was also not amused by "girlie pop stars" performing a dance normally reserved for men. However Bart Cools, their manager. countered: girls absolutely did not mean

Journalists 'damaging' **Hong Kong**

Hong Kong: Businessmen here yesterday condemned the foreign press for "biased" reporting during the run-up to the handover to China, and blamed international journalists in the territory for causing hotel, tourist and retail businesses to decline badly (Jona-

At the first meeting of Advance Hong Kong, attendby about 100 people. European and Japanese journalists were accused of suggesting that the colony was

Belgium setback

Mons: The investigation into a serial killer who has cut up the bodies of up to five women suffered a serback when a Belgian court ruled there was insufficient evidence to keep a suspect in jail. But an appeal by the prosecutor means that the man, 33, will stay in jail for two more weeks. The discov-ery of a head led to the identification of one victim as Nathalie Godart, a former girlfriend (AP)

Activists jailed

Jakarta: Budiman Sudjat-miko, 27, the leader of the leftwing Indonesian People's Democratic Party and eight party associates were convict-ed of subversion and jailed for between 18 months and 13 years. They pledged to con-tinue fighting for democracy from their cells, and called for a boycott of the general election called for May 29.

Korea suicide

Seoul: A former banker, Park Suk Tae, 59, questioned by a parliamentary committee over a bribery scandal that rocked the Government, was found hanged at his home, police said. The scandal centres on the collapse of Hanbo Steel Industry, South Korea's secand largest steelmaker. (AP)

Wife savers

Dubai: Two wives of a Saudi man suffering from renal disease competed to donate a kidney to save their husband. The donor was chosen by drawing lots, said a Saudi newspaper. (Reuter)

French **Socialist** pact 'will hit euro'

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

LIONEL JOSPIN, the French Socialist leader, will today seek an electoral pact with the Communist Party, despite warnings that it could prevent France from joining Europe's single currency.

At a meeting today, M. Jospin will tell Robert Hue, his Communist counterpart, that he would accept Communist ministers in his government if he were to win next month's parliamentary elections. The move has added a further dimension to French

divisions over Europe.

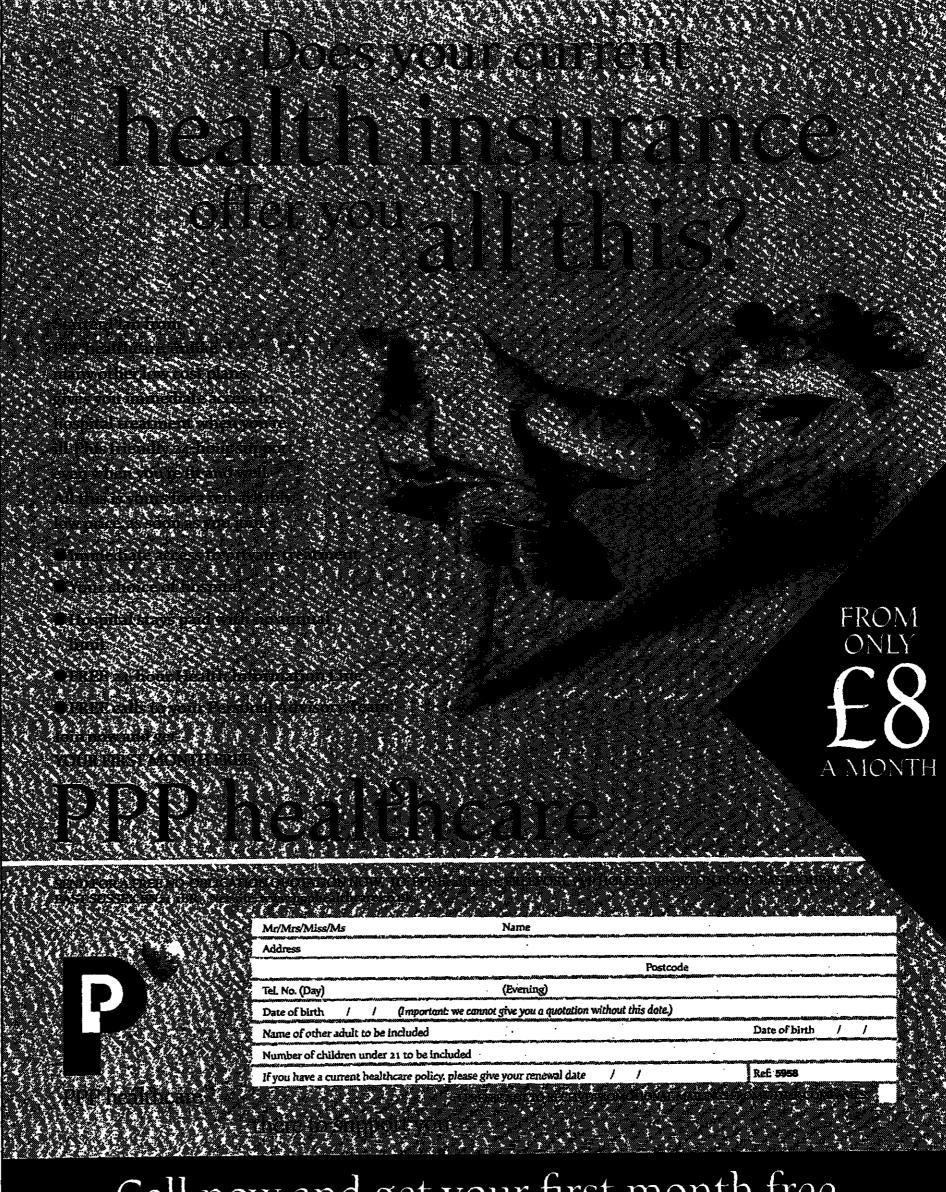
M Jospin has paved the way for today's meeting by promising Keynesian policies that would make it difficult for France to meet the criteria for entry into the single currency. He says he is in favour of the cure, but only if he is able to implement measures that would raise the public deficit above the 3 per cent limit imposed on countries wanting to enter economic and monetary union.

His stance has encouraged his left-wing allies but an-gered Socialists loyal to the late President Mitterrand. who was one of the architects of the 1992 Maastricht treaty.

M Jospin's critics say he could not hope to persuade Germany to loosen the criteria for monetary union, leaving his government with a difficult choice. Either it would have to ignore its pledge to cut the working week, reduce salaries and create 700,000 jobs for young people, or it would have to abandon the single currency.

The Socialist leader believes, however, that he can tap into the Euroscepticism that has been fuelled by successive austerity budgets designed to cut the French deficit. On Sunday, he said: "This country could not stand it, economically and socially, if it were necessary to impose more austerity to fulfil the

Maastricht criteria." Electoral mathematics have added to his doubts on Maastricht. Although the Left stands to win almost as many as many votes as the roling parties of the Centre-Right, it will still fall short of a majority in the National Assembly, according to two opinion polls published yesterday.



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Aid workers find thousands of Hutu refugees

By SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT, AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THOUSANDS of exhausted and dehydrated Rwandan Hutu refugees were reported to have emerged from thick forest in Zaire yesterday. about 30 miles south of Kisangani, a rebel-held town.

On Monday Laurent Ka-bila, the leader of the rebel Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, gave the United Na-tions 60 days to find more than 100,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees who had fled temporary camps in eastern Zaire after they were attacked by Zairean villagers. Relief workers said yesterday that they had found between 5,000 and 10.000 refugees.

This is very good news. We have a train fully loaded with 115 tonnes of food which we will dispatch to them tomor- sional black caucus. The

FIFTY malnourished refugee

children were abducted in a

rebel-held area of eastern

Zaire when a group of Lau-rent Kabila's soldiers stormed

a paediatric hospital, the Uni-

ted Nations Children's Fund

reported yesterday. Patrick McCormick, a Uni-

cef spokesman in Geneva.

said 20 armed men in military

uniform forced their way into the hospital run jointly with

Save the Children, the British

charity, at Lwiro, near the

Rwandan border, on Satur-

day. All the children there

the leader of the attack as the

leader of a local Alliance

military detachment," Mr

McCormick said. The Zairean

rebel unit was based at

Katana, the next village on the

road north to Goma, accord-

*One of the staff recognised

were taken away in a lorry.

FROM PETER CAPELLA IN GENEVA

mw." said Michelle Quin- arrival in Kinshasa yesterday taglie, a spokeswoman for the of Bill Richardson, the ambas-UN World Food Programme. sador, came at a vital time when Mr Kabila's reputation The United States yesterday as a revolutionary hero and a stepped up diplomatic presman who respects human

sure on President Mobutu and Mr Kabila to meet and agree a ceasefire, by sending Washington's UN Ambassador to Kinshasa with a letter from President Clinton to the Zairean leader. US State Department offici-

als declined to reveal what the letter said, but they hinted that it was a polite request for Mr Mobutu, 66, to meet Mr Kabila and negotiate his own departure from power. Last month the State Department said Mr Mobutu's 32-year rule was "history", a view backed by France, Britain and influential members of the congres-

ing to a Unicef official. Two

local nurses and a woman

employee were beaten up and

the soldiers fired shots in the

air, apparently to intimidate

adult Rwandan refugees. Mr McCormick added that

some of the soldiers berated

Zairean hospital staff for

"caring for our enemies". Unicef said it had no idea

where the children were. An

official protest was made to

Laurent Kabila's Alliance of

Democratic Forces for the

Liberation of Congo-Zaire,

and international agencies set

Investigators from the UN's

human rights centre are due

to arrive this week to investi-

gate allegations that rebels killed many Rwandan refu-

gees from camps near Buka-

vu and Goma at the start of

their offensive last November.

up an inquiry.

Many of the refugees are killers who participated in the genocide of a million Tutsis and Hutu moderates in Rwanda three years ago. They have been using civilians as a shield against the Tutsi-dominated Children abducted rebel soldiers.

Aid workers have been dismayed at the rebels' refusal to allow help to reach thousands of small children now dying of starvation and exhaustion after seven months of trekking through the jungle.

rights appeared to be badly

Mr Richardson is expected to meet Mr Mobutu soon and

the rebel leader tomorrow.

Diplomatic sources in Kinsha-

sa said that the American

envoy was expected to deliver

a harsh rebuke from Wash-

ington to Mr Kabila for his

alleged indifference to the plight of the Hutu refugees in

The desperate state of the refugees, whom the UN hopes home to Rwanda in the world's biggest humanitarian airlift, has strained Mr Kabila's relationship with Western supporters, who have seen him as a credible alternative to Mr Mobutu's three

decades of thieving rule. "Kabīla is now very vulnerable to diplomatic pressure."
one European diplomat said in Kinshasa. "That means his advance might be slowed down and a political solution found instead of what he has been threatening, a bloody battle for Kinshasa."

The rebels have been widely accused of killing Hutus in eastern Zaire, but so far no credible evidence has been presented for the allegations.



President Clinton meets Ellen DeGeneres, right, the actress who recently announced that she is a lesbian, and her girlfriend Anne Heche

White House embraces lesbian celebrities

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK did the same in real life, and

has announced her love for

Ms Heche, 29, a film actress.

Ellen show on the ABC net-

work has created extraordi-

nary excitement in gay circles.

Hundreds of private come

out with Ellen" parties are

being organised across the

United States, and in coun-

tries as far flung as Finland

Tomorrow's episode of the

IN WHAT is fast becoming "lesbian week" in the United States, a television star and her newly-declared girlfriend embraced and stood with theirs arms around each other when they were presented to President Clinton. Mr Clinton, who is, if any-

thing, a president for all minorities, smiled broadly and did everything he could to encourage Ellen DeGeneres and her lover, Anne Heche. The couple met the President at a Washington dinner at which, arguably, they and Mr Clinton vied for top billing.

In the past, to meet the President was to stand to attention, straighten one's collar, and remind oneself to call the fellow "sir". Ms DeGeneres and her girlfriend showed that this has been replaced by a new protocol. The television

star gave a passionate squeeze to the waist of Ms Heche, who in turngave a sisterly stroke to her lover's shoulder. They might have been Siamese twins. Mr Clinton's reaction was to laugh and smile.

Ms DeGeneres, 39, will tomorrow become the first

prime time television comedy star whose character "comes out" as a lesbian. She recently Kennedy 'scandal suppressed'

By QUENTIN LETTS

THERE are indications that the latest apparent scandal to hit the Kennedy family may be smothered by the American East Coast establishment. Michael Kennedy, 39, a son of the assassinated Robert Kennedy, faces allegations that he had sex with an underage babysitter. The girl, now 19, is the daughter of a Demo-

> close to the Kennedys. Simultaneously, Mr Kennedy and his wife Victoria have announced that they are sepa-

cratic party backer who was

rating after 16 years of marriage. Mrs Kennedy is alleged to have found her husband having sex with the girl.

Not that one would know it from reading The Washing-ton Post and The New York Times, or from watching the main network television channels, which have largely ignored the story. Local prosecutors said that they would mount a "preliminary review" of the case, an unusual and imprecise legal term. Preliminary "investigation" would be more usual.

Brian Noonan, the police chief in Cohasset, Massachusetts, said that he feared the District Attorney and the girl's family would sit on the case, owing to the wealth and influence of Mr Kennedy.

and Japan. A group called the

"Human Rights Campaign"

has sent out 2,600 party kits to

applicants. They include gay

rights trivia questions, a pro-

motional video, and exhorta-

tions from prominent

There have been a few dissenting voices - in Ala-

bama, for instance, a local

lesbians.

"The Fix is in" noted a headline in the New York Post, which also quoted a Cohasset resident who said: "If it was me, I'd be behind bars. Do the Kennedys ever get convicted? Jeffrey Locke, District At-

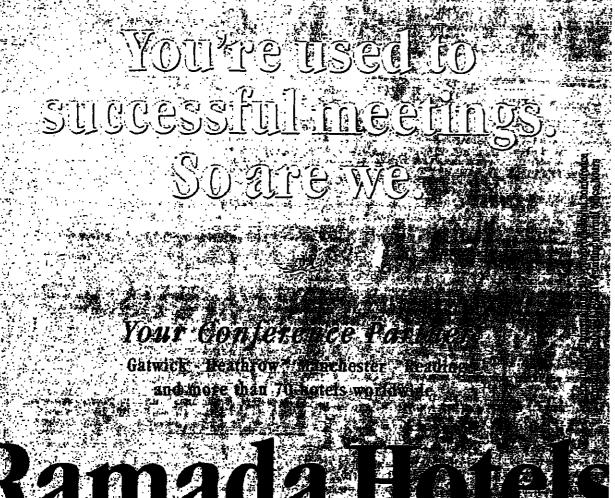
torney for Norfolk County. where the alleged incident took place, said that it "could be an hour, could be a year" before anything further about the case was announced.

broadcast the show - but public reaction to the episode has generally been accommodating and has, according to gay advocates, shown just how "in vogue" sapphic love suddenly is.

The women have been described as courageous to have declared their sexuality. but Bill Kristol of the conservative Weekly Standard commented that real courage in America these days is to "out" oneself as a right-wing opponent of partial birth abortion or, he might have added, as an adherent to the two martini

In the matter of a week, Ms Heche has become one of the most photographed women in America. The only problem for her, according to Hollywood sources, will come when she next wants to be east in a film. Until now she has been regarded as a reliable love interest - as in heterosexual

She is now so recognisable as a "celebrity lesbian" that audiences may have difficulty suspending their disbelief were she to be cast in a "straight" role.



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NO. OF CHILDREN UNDER 18

of Texas' goes to war

By GILES WHITTELL

ARMED Texan separatists were holed up in a remote mountain stronghold 75 miles north of the Mexican border yesterday. surrounded by more than 100 police.

The homemade army of a group calling itself the Republic of Texas released two hostages late on Sunday but remained "at war" with state and federal agents, demanding a referendum on Texan independence.

"We are at war with the United Nations and all foreign entities," Richard McLaren, self-styled ambassador of the Republic of Texas. told The New Fork Times. We are not at war with the American people, but we are at war with the federal agencies which have no jurisdiction

The latest clash between the US establishment and the volatile paramilitary fringe began with a dawn raid on neighbours Joe and Margaret Rowe who had reportedly helped local police to arrest a separatist on weapons charges. The Rowes were freed in exchange for Robert Scheidt, the jailed separatist. after Mr Rowe was wounded when shots were

Mr McLaren, an amateur historian who cultivates a wild-haired "mad professor" look, claims that Texas was illegally annexed in 1845 after nine years as an independent republic. He insists that his tiny organisation. based in a shack in the Davis Mountains 220 miles southeast of El Paso, is the state's legitimate

government For the separatists nothing less than the fate of Texas is at stake. As far as their neighbours are concerned, however, they are nuisances who have inflated a historical anomaly into a dangerous game of make-believe.

'Republic Pentagon to enforce ban on adultery in military

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Pentagon is introducing a strict code of morality to America's armed services, cracking down on adultery and other crimes of the heart in the wake of numerous embarrassing sex scandals.

American defence chiefs, who have had to deal with continuing allegations of rape at the Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland and the enduring legacy of Tailhook, when female pilots were sexually harassed at a Las Vegas fighter crew convention in 1991, are attempting to intro-duce a greater level of moral discipline in the forces.

An increasing number of service personnel are facing charges for love affairs that in civilian life would never be deemed criminal. In the most celebrated case, Lieutenant-Colonel Karen Tew, 41, of the US Air Force, was tried earlier this year and found guilty of committing adultery with an enlisted man. Barely a year short of retirement, she was dismissed, losing her pension and all accrued benefits.

She traded the honour of wearing the military uniform for lust," said the court martial prosecutor. "And she traded her ability to act as an effective leader in a position of authority for sexual intercourse." Five days later Colonel Tew committed suicide.

In the air force, the number tried for adultery has more than quadrupled in the past decade - from 16 in 1987 to 67 last year. The majority have been found guilty and punished. Cases often include charges of sodomy if there is a suggestion of oral sex, and fraternisation if the romance involves an officer and an

enlisted person. Although the acts have been forbidden under America's Uniform Code of Military Justice for more than 200 years, the Pentagon is now

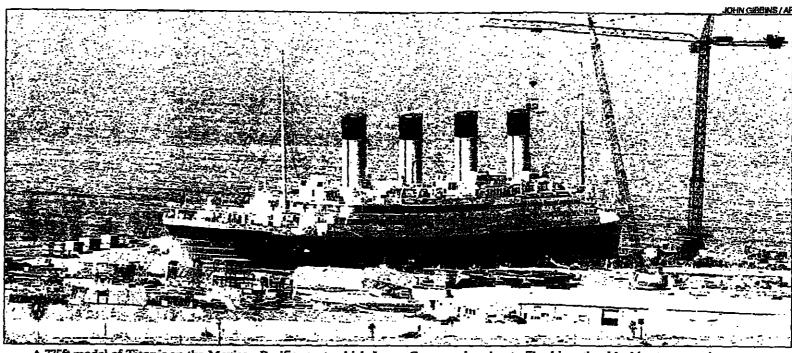
said to be pursuing charges with an unprecedented zea Next month Lieutenant Kelly Flinn, America's first female bomber pilot, will be tried for adultery at Minot base in North Dakota. She had an affair with a civilian who has stated under oath that he lied to her, claiming to be legally separated from his wife. She is also charged with fraternisation for having sex with an unmarried enlisted man who has been granted immunity to testify. "The Air Force is going back to the Dark Ages," said Frank Spinner, the retired lieutenant colonel defending

Captain Byron James, a Pentagon official, said yesterday that commanders usually tried to end improper relationships without permanent harm to careers and rarely was anyone tried solely for adultery. But disobeying a lawful order has wide-ranging ramifications on a military unit," he said. "An individual can't pick and chose which orders to follow."

Diritish code: The British Army has a strict "military ethos" covering all types of sexual and social behaviour (Michael Evans writes). Adultery is considered likely to prejudice the position of an individual and may bring the Army into disrepute.

Under discipline and standards guidelines currently under review, adultery "within the military community" is regarded as potentially the most serious form of social misconduct.

Affairs between officers and non-commissioned officers are judged to be unacceptable because of the risk of undermining the Army's carefully defined hierarchical structure. Under the review, accepted standards on adultery are likely to be brought more into line with civilian life.



A 775ft model of Titanic on the Mexican Pacific coast, which James Cameron is using to film his action blockbuster turned romance

Hollywood has sinking feeling over \$200m epic



Winslet: went through a punishing schedule

IN THE spring of 1912 the Titanic sank in a disaster matched only by the ship's epic scale and frightening cost. Eighty-live years on, a film attempting to re-create that fateful night is months behind schedule, up to \$90 million (E55 million) over budget and battling to avoid a

With a budget now put at \$200 million, Titanic, starring Kate Winslet, the British actress, as a Philadelphia heiress, is the most expensive film in history and is taking so long to complete that its original release date is expected to be pushed back from July 4 until late summer.

The film, jointly financed by Paramount Pictures and 20th Century Fox, was shot mainly on a 775ft replica of the doomed liner on the Pacific coast in northern Mexico, and was conceived by its backers as an action blockbuster on the scale of last year's Independence Day. Instead James Cameron, the director, has reportedly set his heart on a sweeping

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

love story in the tradition of Dr Zhivago. raising the stakes on a tense project and fuelling rumours that the postponement of its release may have been deliberate.

The two studios were expecting an outand-out thriller, one industry source told Daily Variety. "What they got was a romancer. Cameron is very proud of this film. For Oscar consideration he might want to push the release as far as he can towards the end of the year."

Reports of the Titanic rescheduling have sent a ripple effect through other studios' plans for the summer as executives scramble to book opening weekends for their films in a season that promises to be Hollywood's most expensive ever: at least 15 releases with total budgets each ballooning over \$100 million are due out over the next ten weeks.

There's never been a marketplace in the history of the movie business to support all these big movies." Peter Chernin of News Corporation, 20th Century Fox's owner, told The New York Times. "Every studio is terrified." One industry analyst said simply: "There's going to be blood on the floor."

Sebastian Silva, the film's first assistant director, said of a production apparently driven by Mr Cameron's perfectionism and short temper: "The fault of the movie was its sheer size. Sometimes I'd find some of the 1,000 extras sleeping under the ship."

Ms Winslet, who endured the most punishing hours of the entire cast. admitted to the Los Angeles Times: "It was hard to concentrate when [Mr Cameron] was losing it and shouting and screaming." She added: "You'd have to pay me a lot of money to work with Jim again". later apologising for the remark.

Titanic will have to break most box

office records to be considered a success. Raise the Titanic!. made by Lord Grade in 1980, was a box office disaster, costing \$40 million and taking just \$7 million.

Chrétien seeks millennium mandate in snap Canada poll

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

JEAN CHRÉTIEN, the Canadian Prime Minister, confident of victory in the snap election he has called for June. yesterday headed home to his St Maurice constituency in Quebec, where a crowd of 500 cheered and nominated him. "The time has come to offer real choice about what kind of society we want for the Zist century, he said as he

launched his campaign. The ruling Liberals appear comfortable enough, with showings of 45 per cent of the vote in several opinion polls --25 points ahead of their nearest rivals.

The election, set for June 2, comes 17 months early and 42 months after the last, in 1993. Mr Chrétien's critics are saying that he has no real reason

to go to the people except to be re-elected before prospects worsen in the autumn. The 295-member House of Commons has been expanded to 301 seats and the campaign reduced from 47 days to 36.

The once-mighty Conservatives, the right-wing westernbased Reform Party, the leftwing New Democrats and the separatist, Quebec-based Bloc Québécois are all grouped at between 10 and 20 per cent in

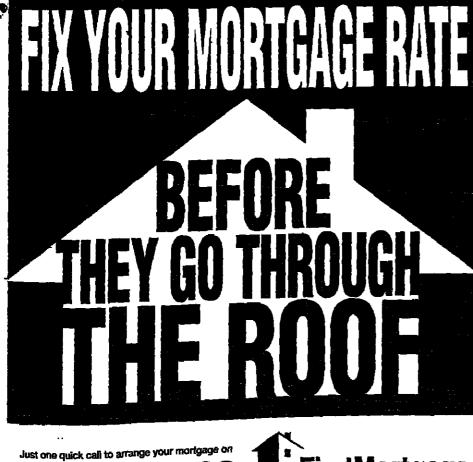
Gilles Duceppe, the separat-ist leader who bears the title of Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, launched his campaign in Montreal as a dry run for the next referendum on Quebec separation. The Bloc hopes to hold its 50 seats. Jean Charest, the Tory leader.

lauched a high-profile campaign to return his party to former glory. In the last election it lost power and all but two of its 174 seats. Mr Charest believes it has finally put the past behind it and promises to protect health. education and social programmes and give everyone a 10 per cent income tax cut.

Unemployment, which has stubbornly stayed above 9 per months, remains the Liberals Achilles' heel. Their main strength is the booming economy. They cut the federal deficit by two thirds from \$C42 billion (£18.3 billion) to \$C13 billion a year, the lowest of any major industrial country. Inflation is, at 2 per cent, among the lowest in the world.



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No big deal: teenagers play down the dangers of drugs, parents often exaggerate them. Both have a lot to learn

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'If kids want to experiment, then they will'

told about drugs? This question has dominated the drugs

ducation debate for Many professionals feel they should be given as much information as possible, to allow them to make choices. But lots of parents do not want their children to make a choice: they want them to be told categorically that drugs kill. Any more information might simply "put ideas" into

Yet according to research carried out by Kaleidoscope, a drugs project in Kingston upon Thames, the ideas are already there. A study of 10, 11 and 12-year-olds at a state primary school and an independent school revealed a startlingly detailed knowledge of the drug scene.

When a ten-year-old boy asks "do all LSD tablets have pictures on them?" and "are magic mushrooms as dangerous as Ecstasy?" followed by "how do you know if they are pure?" it becomes clear that primary school children now view themselves not just as curious spectators but as potential consumers.

But Sally Murray. Kaleidoscope's training manager, discovered that along with this knowledge. "the children also came up with some inaccurate things, which was worrying. Aside from the survey, we did have an instance that a 13-year-old took what he thought was cannabis but was actually LSD and was very, very ill. That's staggering. What was going on in his drug education?"

But if parents might realistically expect their 13-year-old to have been taught the difference between LSD and cannabis. they themselves will not have been so privileged. Never before has the gap in knowledge between parents and children been so great.

Ms Murray says that many parents she meets have read reports that 50 per cent of children experiment with drugs, and are terrified. "If you're in the know, you're a bit gobsmacked that people think two drags on a spliff equals using cocaine and hard drugs.

"We feel strongly that if you're going to have drug education in schools, you need to support that by giving the parents

Attitudes to illegal substances estrange parents from children as never before. But the gap can be bridged, says Grace Bradberry



The Scope aims to educate parents

accurate knowledge so that the subject is not taboo in the home.

"Of course young people have a right to their privacy, but parents need to be able to explore the subject too. If they're frightened, that emotion can get in the way of a decent discussion. Everybody gets into a screaming row and that polarises things further.

Ms Murray is now spending more and more time with parents' groups: "We get out there and say what is actually going on. We say teenagers may experiment but if we can keep them safe, the majority will erow out of it.

But not everyone can attend such a group - or would want to. Now Alain Cass, a former executive at the Financial Times and a Kaleidoscope volunteer, has launched a magazine called The Scope, aimed partly at parents. The first issue includes first-person accounts by young people who have been helped by Kaleidoscope, but it also includes insights into the scene generally and provides lists of useful addresses and helpline numbers.

Mr Cass's own children are now 21 and 24, and both "managed to avoid the

problem". His brother, however, who was 15 years younger, died of Aids two years ago. When he was in his late teens he'd got into drugs and shared a needle.

"Perhaps, had there been more information and less fear about the problem, what happened might have been Reading the case of the alarmingly well-informed ten-year-old, he hopes that

parents will think, "Gosh, do children really know this kind of thing at the age of 10? Perhaps I should talk to my children." The aim is not to make parents feel inadequate: The thing about children is that we always imagine we know what they're thinking, but most of the time we don't.
That isn't a reflection on us as bad

parents — it's just that parents and children live in different worlds.

e're trying to give an authentic feel of what it's like to be drawn into the culture. We're also providing a language that parents can use in talking to their children. "I think that information is neutral. But

I think how you use the information can be dangerous or can be beneficial. It depends entirely on how you present the information." Many parents will still feel, however,

that it should be presented in the most alarming way possible - the Leah Betts posters strike just the right tone. But are shock tactics the most effective ones to Mr Cass is not convinced. "I sympa-

thise and understand what Leah Betts's parents are going through," he says, choosing his words carefully. "But I think you have to move on from there.

"We need to look at a way of helping children to make lifesaving choices without appearing to condone what can undoubtedly be a dangerous habit.

"But you can't stop people from doing what they want to do. If kids want to take drugs, they will. The question is how are you going to cope with that reality."

 For more information on The Scope, contact Kaleidoscope, 40-46 Cromwell Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT2 6BR.

The war in the playground

very morning before school, Liz Paver has to ensure her playground is clear of discarded syringes. The daily ritual at Intake Primary School in Doncaster, south Yorkshire, is repeated in playgrounds across the

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"Most primary schools have one of these now," says Mrs Paver, picking up a yellow box marked Destroy by incineration: contaminated sharps. "Playgrounds have always attracted young neonle in the evenings and we have to warn our children not to pick up anything," she says.

Mrs Paver, vice-president of the National Association of Head Teachers, is under no illusion that the widespread availability of drugs puts all children at risk. Last September, a five-year-old from Grantham, Lincolnshire, had to be tested for the Aids virus and Hepatitis B after he stabbed himself in the hands with discarded dirty needles.

The national curriculum made schools reconsider their approach when it dictated in 1989 that all children should learn about drugs. "We talk to children about their bodies and tell them that if they abuse their body, bad things will happen," says Mrs Paver.

7 e are not into scare / tactics, but giving so they can protect themselves. Five is not too young to start. If we are in the business of education, we must educate our children in how to cope."

This attitude is shared by Gill Empson, a primary school head in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. She testran a programme imported been adopted by all 346 primary schools in the county.

Dare - Drug Abuse Resistance Education -- includes a 17-week course for nine-yearolds run with the police. It aims to give children the selfconfidence to resist drugs.

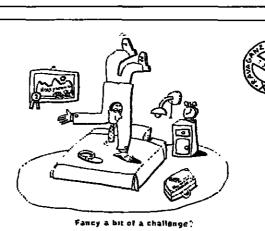
Gill is adamant that schools ≊annot start soon enough. "In the last five years the availability of drugs has rocketed. Our nine-year-old children need have formed their ideas. It is too late when they are [3 or 14." The children act out situations. learning how to deflect pushers. They practise eight ways to say no, ranging from the "cold **EDUCATING THE YOUNG**

record" - repeating their refusal over and over again. The stark truth about the availability of drugs is spelt out by Inspector David Scott, of Nottinghamshire police.

"Four years ago heroin was £40 to £60 a spot, it is now £10. LSD is now £1.50 a tab - or 30p if you are buying a thousand," he says. This may sound shocking, but under-I6s are not shocked by it. It is

part of their culture." He says the Dare scheme helps children to make decisions and take responsibility. "The drug problem is not going to go away. It is going to get much worse. Enforcement won't stop it on its own."

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MY SISTER THE JUNKIE

'hen I last saw my sister two years ago, it was at my wedding. She was wearing black - black PVC trousers, a black cropped top and a black knee-length leather coat. Not long after the festivities started, she came over to me. "Just popping out to a drinks party," she said. "Be back soon." OK, I said. I wasn't going to point out the pathetically obvious: that

I knew she was going to score heroin.

But then, maybe Tess thought I would swallow anything. After all, for three years I had lived with her without realising that she was a junkie. We shared a small, two-bedroom flat in Notting Hill, exposed to each other's most private domestic routines. I cramped her style (nocturnal goodtime girl) and she cramped mine (City square); but we made light of it and tried to stay out of each other's hair. It appealed to me that I was getting to know my glamorous sister, whose years at boarding school - a convent which, with earnest wrongheadedness, prepared its girls for

London society - had separated us. Then I moved out and my younger brother Jack, a lawyer, moved in. After he found a bottle of methadone on top

of the television set. Tess admitted that

she had dabbled in heroin but said she

was now clean. Dabbling? Metha-

I cannot distinguish from the excuses,

cop-outs and likely stories I have heard

don't, unless it's absolutely necessary.

Like sex and rock in roll, drugs are a

generational vice and naturally subject to a youthful conspiracy of silence. Thus my friends Abigail and Louise

have for five years tried to manage

their eldest sister's heroin addiction.

and still they have not informed their

parents. Optimistically, they are trying

to exploit their sorority and

twentysomethingness in an effort to

work. That Christmas, at my parents'

house. Tess was so stupefied by the

nightcap that, by the following after-noon, she still hadn't woken up. She

had to be dragged from her bed and

manhandled on to her train to London.

A short while later, Jack again found

We told our parents what we knew.

Soon afterwards, at a special family

gathering, my sister admitted to us that she was addicted to heroin, and

had been for the previous seven years.

and professional shambles character-

istic of junkies: little capacity for work,

a morbid liking for sleep, skinniness,

colds and dreadful nightmares when

she went on family summer holidays.

and a mysterious elusiveness, in

and her boyfriend, no connoisseurs of

avant-garde prose, owned copies of William Burroughs's The Naked Lunch; why she so identified with Billie

Holiday; and why she thought that Patti Smith was beautiful. Adulation,

even imitation, of the famously stoned

Suddenly and irreversibly, the world

of heroin was mine to inhabit: a realm

as personal as a nightmare. Only the

good thing about a nightmare — that you wake up from it — was absent.

Detox in London followed the family

meeting: rehab was a six-week stint at

a clinic in the country. Family mem-bers took turns to visit Tess and

participate in group therapy. At my

session, I found myself surprisingly

usiness trip

is a typical feature of junkledom.

ow I understood the savvy.

inner-city signals that her

chic, trashy look gave out. Now I understood why she

conversation and in person.

In a flash, it was clear that Tess's history exactly resembled the personal

methadone in the flat.

They are wasting their time. Jack and I tried a version of this and it didn't

persuade her to come clean.

We didn't tell our parents. Children

since. We believed it.

done? She gave us an explanation that

enraged and tearful. I felt defrauded. She had lied to me for years without a qualm, and the intimacies we had shared for all that time seemed little more than a joke at my expense. She had taken fraternal gifts innocently proffered - loyalty, co-operation, money - and corrupted them. She had subverted the peculiar fidelity that underpins sibling love.

Look in a bookshop and you won't find books that address these feelings. Go to an FA (Families Anonymous) meeting and you will meet junkies' parents and partners, but rarely their brothers and sisters. Perhaps because there is no outlet for their concerns, siblings become adept at containing the addict's impact on their lives.

But perhaps there is a deeper, more troubling reason for one's ability to cope, connected with the rough-andready nature of sibling love. Brothers and sisters do not choose one another, or voluntarily spend their childhood years together. Their relations are, however affectionate, founded on cooperation and territorial respect. Good fences make good siblings. Thus Jack and I. Tess's flatmates and peers, failed to see what was in front of our noses. Tess relapsed after rehab and the

family adopted a "tough love" strategy. But after suspending normal relations for two years, my parents began to crack. My mother fell victim to anguished retrospection and dreadful imaginings; my father twice suflered cardiac fibri)lations. On top of everything else, each became anxious about the other. And so last Christmas, when Tess falsely assert-

Addiction perversely glamorised in Trainspotting ed - yet again that she was clean. they invited her home. But I decided that, for the first time, I would not go home for Christmas. Someone had to hold the line, for Tess's sake; besides, I could not face the prospect of a

fraudulent holiday. At a post-Christmas FA meeting, it became clear that the holidays of virtually everyone there had been spoilt. But whereas parents are used to putting their children's needs before their own, siblings are not. Like plants struggling beneath evergreens, we are denied the familial sunlight by the addict's presence - and we resent it. He's not invited to my daughter's christening," a colleague said of his smackhead twin. "I've had enough."

ack did go home -- to support our parents, not Tess. "I don't care whether she's a junkie for the rest of her life," he said. "just so long as she doesn't hurt Mother and

her," I objected. Jack said, chillingly: "Taking drugs

But that means you're giving up on

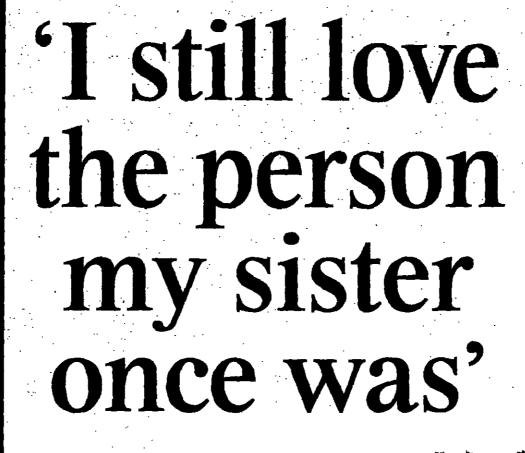
makes her happy - and unless she's happy, Mother won't be."

My brother has a point. The most distressing thing of all has not been Tess's plight, but witnessing my parents' destruction.

But the news is not all bad. Brothers and sisters can play a positive part, helping their parents to come to terms with the agonies they suffer. The distance that siblings keep from each other, and the elastic love that nevertheless connects them, enables "clean" children to enact "tough love". And rightly or wrongly, my brotherly love does not allow me to write Tess off. I still love her. I especially love the person she once was. I still long for her clean essence to emerge once the druginduced fakeries have been stripped away, But to remove these is, in Tess's case, to strip away that relentless fiction, her adult life. And this is what

is frightening, for us and her. So this is the position of complicity we have reached. My junkie sister concocts fictions that my parents and, for all I know, she herself - buy into: my brother goes with the flow for my parents' sake; and I'm left out on a limb. This is not a promising situation. In fact, it is desperately sad.

If I could lovingly release our family from Tess, I would. It would be the healthiest thing for her, for me and Jack, and for my parents. But I cannot; so we are still all tied to her in knots that are as hard to unravel as those that bind Tess to her dark, true sibling. ■ This article first appeared in Vogue. All the names have been changed





When heroin steals a beloved brother or sister, the dark shadow over family life eclipses siblings, too

Self-help brings fresh hope

THE MOTHER'S STORY

PARENTS are often the last to know that their son or daughter has a serious drug problem. Mary Smith discovered that her son, Christian, was a heroin addict when the police banged on her door to tell her be had turned to crime to pay for his addiction.

'I was devastated. I didn't have a clue," she recalls. But she was not alone. Throughout the early 1990s, parents in Knowle West, a south Bristol council estate, were discovering that a generation of the area's youth had been "kidnapped" by heroin.

But when Mrs Smith went in search of help for her son, there was none available. There were lots of other mothers in my position," she says, "so we decided to do something about it. We invited the people that matter to a public meeting and the mothers told their story."

Heart-wrenching accounts of children lost to the needle, of young lives wasted and of kind and caring offspring turned into thieving, lying mon-sters, had a dra-

matic effect. lives and Four months later, Mrs Smith and it is from several other mothers of addicts the heart' formed Kwads (Knowle West Against Drugs),

motto: Experts on tap not on top. They meet every week to share information and give each other support. Periodically they hold public meetings, where parents can learn more about the drugs threat facing their children. But their most radical work

is done in local schools. "We don't go in as teachers or counsellors," says Mrs Smith, now Kwads' chairperson. "We go in as what we are: the parents of heroin addicts. We tell the truth about our personal lives and it is said from the heart." They started with the 14- to 16-year-olds but found their greatest impact was in primary schools.

The project now has an office and three full-time staff. Next month it will host a national conference for the parents of addicts.

Yet the success of Kwads has not ended Mrs Smith's personal agony with Christian, now 23. "He is in a drugs programme, but every so often he has a breakout. I wouldn't be telling the truth if I said he was well. I have another child, Emily. 1 brought them up both the

same way and she went to university and he became an addict. I still don't know why

that happened." Like Mrs Smith before her shocking introduction into parents' fear for their children is sharpened by ignorance.

"Like most activities that put the fear of God into parents, the casualty rate is very low," says Harry Shapiro, of the Institute for the Study of Drug Dependency. For those who dabble, there are no guarantees, but the truth is they are unlikely to end up in shadow on television or stretched out on a mortuary slab."

There are tell-tale signs of drug use - the cardboard filter of a cannabis joint or a butane canister in the room of smoke. But the important thing is for parents to familiarise themselves with the drugs scene, and the earlier the

'We tell better. Experts recommend that from the truth the age of four, children should be about our taught that drug misuse is harmful. From seven they should know the dangers of discarded syringes and needles and be introduced to the

> law on the use of drugs. From 11, they should be taught about categories of drugs, including stimulants and hallucinogens, and terms such as addiction, overdose and adulteration. From 14, they should know about drugs' legal status, effect and appearance and danger of mixing drugs.

THE Government's strategy, Tackling Drugs Together has published A Parents' Guide to Drugs and Solvents, which explains 14 drugs. It encourages parents to talk to their children about drugs and advises: "Don't bully your children; don't lecture member how it felt to be lectured at don't preach -being holier than thou does not help a child: don't try to scare your children with shock horror stories. It doesn't

The message a child needs to hear and believe from a parent is, says the booklet: "I may not like what you have done, but I still love you."

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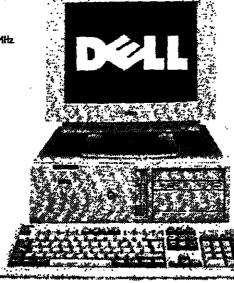
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It's all a question of leadership

Michael Portillo accuses Blair

of forfeiting the people's trust

asking the public to trust him. It was an extraordinary appeal, based on the admission that Britain would have been wrong to trust him at any time in the past.

Mr Blair has learnt a lesson from four successive election defeats. He knows that he cannot win power by following his instincts. The people have rejected them, though he does not understand why. In his desperation for power he seeks direction elsewhere: from focus groups, from the media, from Europe. These are not solid foundations on which to fight an election campaign, let alone on which to build a government. No wonder Labour had such an uncomfortable fortnight of confusion and contradiction at the start of the campaign.

Then, in desperation, they switched tactics to a campaign of lies and smears which reached its grubby extreme last week when Tony Blair the man who once vowed to "think the unthinkable" about welfare, the man who pleads piously to be trusted - looked straight into the television carneras and lied to the British people about the Government's pension re-

Labour in Conservatives knew he was lying. office would The media knew he was lying — or peddling falsevacillate: hoods as The appeasing, Times more delinot leading cately described it. Without doubt he

knew he was lying. But scaring the vulnerable with cold-blooded lies is seen as fair by new Labour. It is just the latest demonstration that Labour is prepared to say and do anything for power.

It is no wonder that over the past few weeks in dozens of constituencies around the country I have detected little enthusiasm for new Labour. The mood is one of uncertainty, doubt and confusion. Mr Blair has not won the people's have met few people who think that things would actually improve under Labour. But I have met many who think just what Mr Blair wishes them to think, just what the entire cynical exercise of fashioning new Labour out of old Labour was meant to make people believe: that it wouldn't make much difference.

Others understand all too well that a Labour government would make things worse, harm our economy and weaken our country. But they are considering voting Labour anyway because they think the Tories would benefit from a spell in opposition, and that five years on we could be returned, rejuvenated and refreshed, to sort out the mess. I have a simple message to those people: you are wrong. In government the Conservative Party has faced the challenges needed to change Britain for the better. And as we demonstrate in our manifesto. we continue to be the party of ideas, ready to take on the challenges of the future. In opposition, we could only be spectators as Mr Blair reversed the progress we have made in the past 18 years,

Tony Blair began the undermined our economic election campaign by strength, gave up British sovereignty to Europe and broke up the United Kingdom.

People should be in no doubt that when Mr Blair says "new Britain" he means it. His manifesto contains a series of proposals to change the constitution which would be hard to reverse. He describes these plans as "the biggest programme of change to democracy ever proposed by a political party". Yet they are not promoted among his five publicised pledges. They do not number among his ten vows --his self-styled contract with Britain". It is hard to recall his even mentioning them in his many interviews, speeches and press conferences during this campaign. But, if elected, he would claim a mandate to vandalise our constitution, and quickly set about doing so.

Mr Blair's determination to tear up our constitution is born of his distaste for the traditions and institutions of a Britain that has rejected his natural instincts. He confines these policies to the margins of his rhetoric because they fail the only test he applies to what

he says: Is it popular? For Tony Blair's highest aspiration is merely to echo

what is popular. He is a follower not a leader. That is why he tries to be all things to all men. That is why he says different things to different audiences. That is why, in this campaign, he has twisted and turned

t isn't in the bag, you know: don't be fooled. Never mind all that stuff predicting Labour

Cabinets and Tory bloodletting.

In this trade, we like to pretend we

Far from the hothouse of political

interest, millions are still indecisive.

I do not mean those shy, legendary

creatures, the "secret Tory voters" who lie to pollsters while intending

to vote Conservative all the time. I

mean the real floaters, still rubbing

their heads in honest perplexity.

Thursday is too soon for these

humble Hamlets: some will not

finally decide until the pencil is in

their hand, some will come out of the

booth still unhappy, saying, as one neighbour did last time, "Oh dear, I

really don't know if I've done the

right thing". Weeks later she still

didn't: it takes more than the swear-

ing-in of a new government to stop

constantly, and why both sides long

to pelt Edwina Currie with duff eggs.

Airily conceding victory before the

ballot is not modesty but a wilful

misunderstanding of the electorate. A

German radio journalist told his

listeners: "These people could do

It is time to throw a lifeline

of sympathy to floating voters. I do

not mean absentees: I take the

schoolmarm line that their names

should be posted up in their

neighbourhoods after each election

so that everybody knows the lazy

human reality behind the phrase

"low turnout". Nor am I bothered

about those who write "Bastards!"

across the names of all the candi-

dates, or lunatics who cover the paper

with tiny intricate allegations in

green ink that the Pope is in league

with Martians. Just pity the real

floaters, who value the vote but can't

I was a floater once - in 1979

- and it was miserable. Even left-

liberals were fed up with the incom-

petence of the Callaghan administra-

tion and the suicidal trade unions

(remember differentials, demarca-

tion, comparability, British Leyland?)

But the Heath Government was also

horribly fresh in the memory. The

mood of the moment was frustration

at the chaos of inadequate majorities:

cliffhanger votes, sick MPs brought

decide what to do with it.

anything, there is no logic."

Both main parties know from their

some people floating.

know. But we don't.

at the simplest probing of what he believes and of what he plans to do to Britain. Sunday brought the starkest and most ominous example of Mr Blair's approach. In his appeal to middle Britain he places his party "in the centre,

speaking for the mainstream majority", and claims to have put behind him everything we used to associate with the Labour Party. Last weekend, trying to curry favour with the Left's old guard at The Observ-Left and I want the Left to be part of this project. I want the Left to realise that if we win this election, we will have done so without ceding any ground that cannot be recovered." The man who bases his appeal for Britain's trust on the claim that Labour is truly "new", now admits that every change in his party can, and by implication will, be reversed.

The greatest danger of new Labour in power is not that it would suddenly be overrun by a re-emerging hard-core Left, but that in government it would be exactly as it is in opposition: rootless and vacillating, seeking only to ap-pease, never to lead. We would face the consequences almost at once: in six weeks' time when critical decisions about our sovereignty are negotiated at the Amsterdam summit. and in 12 weeks time in Labour's promised emergency

tax-raising Budget. Many in the media have already written Mr Blair into Downing Street. He certainly takes victory for granted. But the British people have not spoken yet. And when they do they will wipe the smile from Mr Blair's face.



A lifeline for floaters

The millions who are still indecisive have

my sympathy. I was once among them

in on stretchers, the Lib-Lab pact, no decisiveness or dignity anywhere. That mood led me, at the last minute, to the despicable floater course of voting with the poll swing. If other people were voting Tory, so would I, so minimising the chance of another hung Parliament. A friend, following the same emotional path through that election, agreed. "After all," she said, "even if they're bastards to the poor. Tories are great business people, aren't they? They'll make the

country rich, then we can afford

It was that simple, that stupid, that human. Our marginal Tory won. Reader. I elected him. I personally helped canvassing that indecision is rife. to kick-start the This is why Tony Blair strives mod-Conservative years. But we feckless sindreamt that our

social democracy."

estly to avoid the unconditional deed would begin an aeon of one-

party rule, stretching into our own children's teenage

Today's floating voters have it even harder, although once again their dilemma is less likely to be about ideology than about effectiveness. At least in 1979 everybody of voting age could remember the failures of two kinds of government and choose between sets of experienced ministers. Now it is a contest of old and new, habit and mystery, and all the more irrational for that. Not knowing which shore to swim for, the floaters are buffered by powerful emotional

A strong instinct tells them -particularly Mrs Floater - that you should always keep tight hold of Nurse, for fear of finding something worse. When decent John Major says "Wake up to the danger!", she is receptive. Times have been hard, the children's school is far from perfect. the hospital is a worry, and the articles she reads about the criminal underclass are reinforced by the shuttered unkempt look of city streets when she ventures from her safe suburb. Nice Mr Major says that things get worse under Labour governments; considering how bad they are even after 18 years without one, this is pretty alarming. Logic does not come into it, for real

Mr Floater, meanwhile, is less pessimistic business has started to look up and he is almost convinced by the argument that delicate shoots of recovery would be crushed by the insensitive Labour boot. Almost, but not quite. He remembers the VAT rises, the exchange-rate mechanism debacle, the quadrupling of his business rate and how near he is to negative equity. Two of his old friends are bankrupt, and he doesn't think it is their fault. He resents this having happened

during a time when, even without illegality, former government ministers seem to do so well for themselves

Another current pulls the floaters towards new Labour. Keeping tight hold

of Nurse is cosy, but sometimes when they look up into the face of Nurse and see the sneer of Dr Mawhinney. the smugness of Michael Howard or even the familiar sheeplike earnestness of the Prime Minister, they suddenly want to snatch their hands away. Dear God, not again! The Tories in 1997 are the depressing party, the scribbled-over, dog-eared tearstained exercise book of a party. Must we really go back to those crabbed pages?

The floater feels a surge of certainty: it is time for a fresh sheet, a new book, a clean new hope. Europe is not a problem: the floater is not bothered about the single currency or a federal superstate, thanks to an inner conviction that it won't happen anyway because Europeans will mess it up. But the whole family really liked

Tony Blair's party political broad-cast, the one with the tennis and the children and the bright kitchen and the man's keen-eyed, sincere Christian urge to put the nation in a hot bath and give it a good scrub. The Floater family saw that and remem-bered John Major's maudlin water-

colour hymns to his Brixton roots and

his father's honest business failure, his dank aura of evening-classes, Tizer, county cricket and old maids on bicycles. They suspect that a new Labour government on Friday would give them the same surge of glee they felt when they chucked out the chintz and gave the nasty old wedding-

present china to the charity shop. But floaters are not stupid: they know that any new sheet will soon be covered in tears and blots and mistakes. Moreover, they are British and have an innate need to cherish frayed old objects. The Conservative Party are well, sort of heritage now, aren't they? We've grown accustomed to their faces. Labour might harbour strange germs. Might it not be better to stick by the greasy antimacassar we know, and Granny Thatcher's chipped old gravy-boat?

So the floaters watch the cam-paign, unhappy and restless. They know it is up to them what happens next, but can't decide. Once, their problem might have been solved in a simple human way by esteem for a particular local candidate, but these invisible against the harsh arc-lights of the media campaign. So in the end, it will be a small thing that sways them: perhaps even on the journey to the polling station. In the countryside, it might be a row of brutal Tory posters marching along a roadside prairie, some big landowner's defiant abuse of the power of property to outshine the brave. wrinkled, red and orange patches in the windows of the cottages. In the city it might be an equally brutal Marx-red sticker shouting "SMASH THE TORIES!" This makes the floater stiffen in protest, his Cold War bunions twingeing, and swing to the

Then comes a 1960s song on the radio, a shower of rain after drought. or the voices of children at a school Maypole singing the song about the Peasants' Revolt: "Labour and spin for fellowship, I say, Labour and spin for the love of one another, in the light that is coming in the morning."
The floater sniffles, and swings left again. Then something else happens. The floater is so confused by now that it might just be a wink from a pretty student outside the polling

Why else do you think that by ancient electoral folk-wisdom, all the parties sit smiling by the hall door, in rosettes? They know that it's all to play for, even then.

Don't be duped by the polls

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Woodrow Wyatt

argues that Major can still pull it off

have never been a fan of opinion polls. On May 28, 1945, Gallup showed a Labour lead of 16 per cent, followed by 9 per cent on June 18 and 6 per cent on July 4. Polling day was July 5. The outcome was a Labour lead of 20.4 per cent. There was some speculation that it was the latecounted Service vote that made the difference. Not really. More than half the servicemen entitled to vote didn't. Among the 1,700,000 who did, there Among the 1,700,000 who day, heat by was a Labour majority, but not by nearly enough to explain why the final Gallup poll was so wrong. Incidentally, even in that great landslide Labour achieved only 48.3 per

cent of the votes. In the 1992 election, polls showed a clear Labour victory. Subsequently, when people were asked how they had voted, the majority said Labour. This was due to many voters saying on the way in that they were Labour, putting a cross against the Conservatives and announcing on the way out they had voted Labour. Hence the frenzied leapings of Peter Snow with his swingometer, proving from the exit polls that Labour was a certainty, and his gloom when they lost. This Thursday's is the hardest election to read in my lifetime. In 1970, the polls predicted defeat

for Ted Heath up to the end, but two things happened. One was a month with an unexpectedly adverse balance of payments, then thought to be the test of economic success. The other was Harold Wilson leaning out of a window inviting people below to tea with him at No 10 after the election. The element of hubris in Mr Blair has fed upon itself during the campaign. For days it has been said that a removal van is loading up his belongings outside his Islington house. If so, what is its destination? Labour has a rule: all those with Shadow portfolios must initially be given the portfolio itself in a Labour government. Now we hear that unregenerate old guard members of the Shadow Cabinet will be relegated to minor offices.

Millions of old-fashioned socialists resent the diktat that socialism is the vice new Labour-dare not name. Those thus affronted also tend to have deep patriotic feelings which in-spire detestation of the ever more encroaching powers of Brussels. They are aware that acting tough with dissenters in the run-up to the election is a doddle compared to standing up to bullying by Herr Kohl and his satraps. Mr Blair did not even dare stand up to Mr Major in a one-to-one television debate. Mr Major has proved his mettle by gaining opt-outs on the single currency and the social chapter which Mr Blair and the Labour leaders opposed in the Maastricht debate in 1992. But for Mr Major, Mr Blair, if he were to win, would have no negotiating position at the Amsterdam Euro-summit in June. Mr Blair's approach to the EU is accommodatingly wet in contrast to Major's dogged determination to be isolated until he gets his way.

y instinct is that many who once were the solid base of the genuinely socialist Labour Party will abstain or even vote for Major. They will not toy with Paddy Ashdown, who is regarded as pointless. For those former Tory voters who tell the polisters they have switched to Mr Blair, there is a new worry. After being charmed by the promise that their personal income tax rates would not be increased, they are beginning to realise there are many ways to skin a cat. Why otherwise, after pledging to stick to Tory spending plans for at least two years, has Gordon Brown now said he will hold an emergency Budget if he is Chancellor on May 2? It is not just for the legalised theft of the windfall tax. which will depreciate the value of millions of shareholdings in the affected companies and in the pension funds that have invested in them. It is a clear signal of new taxes to pay for their few firm promises, namely to try to decrease youth unemployment by 250,000 with an unworkable scheme, and to improve the NHS, which Mr Blair ludicrously claims has been wrecked by the Tories.

There is another point missed. Last Sunday on television Mr Blair declared that the unemployment figures are cooked by the Government. and are 529,000 higher than stated. So he presumably would put the missing 529,000 on unemployment benefit - a massive undertaking costing several billions. Along with the emergency Budget, there would inevitably be rises in interest and mortgage rates, which would deliver a punch in the stomach to the middleclass voters Mr Blair has been assiduously wooing. However much he denigrates the state of the economy, many in the middle class have thought it so sound, and progressing so well, that not even Mr Blair and Mr Brown could ruin it Now they are having last-minute second

thoughts. Against all the pollsters, and chumps like the pornographic bestseller and disloyal Tory Edwina Currie, I do not believe Tony Blair will win by a landslide. On the contrary. I believe that John Major. who has fought brilliantly, is on course for a majority of around 30-40, plus his natural allies, the Northern ireland Unionists, who do not trust the mercurial Mr Blair.

The Menace

THE Conservative Party may have anticipated an outburst from Edwina Currie, who predicted a Labour landslide at the weekend. but Cabinet members must have thought they were safe with Sir Denis Thatcher. Unfortunately, they weren't.

Yesterday in Hong Kong, Sir Denis dismissed the chances of John Major's survival as Prime Minister with a wave of his hand. After a lunch in the colony with some of its tycoons, he joined the Duchess of York's cigar-smoking friend David Tang for a stroll.

When asked by onlookers how he assessed the chance of Major's survival in the election on Thursday, he laughed and said: "Nil".

Friends of the Conservative Party suggest that Sir Denis's lively lunch had encouraged a slip of the tongue, and that he had not meant what he said. Yesterday, Conservative Central Office was not prepared to consider the unthinkable: It's very unlikely that he said that," said one Major loyalist.

Baroness Thatcher, who took time off the campaign trail with Sir Denis to visit Hong Kong - where they were guests of honour at a party thrown by Tang - has

visited 17 constituencies banging the drum for Major. Work which, some now claim, has been undone by Sir Denis's joie de vivre on the eve of Hong Kong's handover.

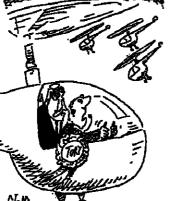
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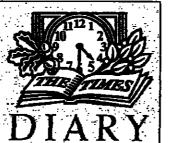
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LABOUR'S campaign strategist

Philip Gould will not be idle if the party wins on Thursday, Not only



"Invaders in sight



is he being earmarked as the Tim Bell of the Blair administration, but he is also at work on his inside account of the election campaign.

The book has been attracting the interest of the leading London houses, eagerly searching for a British Primary Colors. I hear that the secretive Gould has opted for Random House — which happens to be run by his wife, the equally elusive Gail Rebuck. Nothing like keeping it in the family.

Indelicacy

RADIO 4's Today programme countered the tedium of the election campaign yesterday when it fielded its star interviewer, Jim Naughtie, to report on differing pain thresholds between men and women. He got the giggles, not for

the first time, and struggled man-

fully to keep them under control. The rot set in when he asked two distinguished columnists, Auberon Waugh and Ann Leslie, for their views. Waugh promptly raised the notion of men producing milk from their breasts.

Naughtie then said: "Anyone who wants to volunteer to tickle Auberon Waugh's nipples, write to him and not to us." At which the Today studio erupted, and Ann Leslie and co-presenter Sue Mac-Gregor disappeared under a table in fits. "Excuse me, this is terrible," apologised our hero as he stumbled into a report on BSE and dogs.

In accord

THE MOST important stars of Anthony Minghella's cast in The English Patient are to perform live in Salisbury for the first time since the film's success at the Oscars.

Minghella's mother Gloria and his Aunt Betty, accordion players who take a cameo role at the end of the film, have been pressed into service again. By day they run an ice-cream factory; by night they are keyboard virtuosi.

They will appear at the Salisbury Festival of Literature next month. Guests are promised a rendition of the Neopolitan and Italian Folk accordion music that was featured in the film with "an authentic . which rooted for John Major in



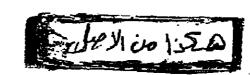
The Oscar-winning English Patient cast is to reassemble

sound of a non-professional pair". However, Minghella's mother, Gloria, who with her sister has been playing the accordion since she was a child, was less than sure about her debut in Salisbury: "He has only mentioned it to me in passing. I don't even know when it is. I'll cut his ears off when I see him. He is a very naughty boy."

London's Evening Standard.

the last election, has given up on the Conservatives. In today's paper, the editorial column advises its readers to vote Labour: "Both democracy and public policy demand a change of government on Thursday." Odd. The Barbourclad Editor, Max Hastings, has always struck me as being grouse moors away from Tony Blair.

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A vote for Members who will defend Parliament

o endorse is, at its simplest, to write on the back of a piece of paper, an endorsement is also an approval of a specific act. a signal of a transfer of power, even a warning that a licence for action may be taken away. A newspaper's endorsement at election time is a mixture of all those things.

In 200 years The Times has never assumed that its readers take its advice to vote for politicians or platforms. We still respect our readers too much to make that assumption. In the past weeks we have been especially affected by the views of readers who think that we should not offer advice at all. We entered this campaign with an open mind about what and whom we would support - and we have reported and commented in that spirit.

We have also been asked by readers to respect our traditions in assessing whom we support. For some that is a Tory tradition: for others it is a more complex pattern of endorsement that deserves our respect.

Throughout the elections of this century a number of themes emerge that have resonance in the arguments of today. The first is the importance of the individual Member of Parliament. In this election season we have given support to candidates as varied as the Liberal Democrat Liz Lynne in Rochdale and Sir James Goldsmith of the Referendum Party in Putney; in the past both Michael Foot and Shirley Williams have been endorsed - whether they liked it or not - for their contributions to Parliament.

The second theme has been a preference for endorsing policy over party. We have

long preferred the principles of economic radicalism and personal liberties over the parties and people who espoused them. One of the greatest achievements of The Times in its youth was to escape from the partisan tradition of the London press. In the early years of this century, despite its generally Liberal instincts, The Times placed its support for the Union and Empire above its preference for party. In the long approach to this election we have made clear our support for the fresh air and fresh leadership which Tony Blair has brought to the Opposition: but in 1997 our concerns for the Union are with us still and our preference for global trade over continental ties inevitably

The third theme has been the support of strong unconventional leaders. Both Winston Churchill and Margaret Thatcher received personal support from The Times at a level which their parties did not; so too did Joseph Chamberlain and David Owen. John Major, by contrast, has been a true man of his parliamentary machine. His

colour our view of Labour.

skills are those of a whip. His proudest boasts have been for his powers of negotiation. After receiving cautious support from The Times in 1992, the Prime Minister lost us in the chaos of Britain's ejection from Europe's exchange-rate mechanism. In a more robust political age he would have lost his job thereafter as well; in this age he survived, despite time after time confusing stubbornness with strength and, in Norman Lamont's lasting phrase, office with power. In 1995 The Times called for a full-scale leadership contest, a proper test of the Prime Minister's support: the Tory party took a different view.

The fourth theme has been a willingness to withhold our support from both people and parties. For long periods there was a clear predisposition here against endorsing government at the polls. In 1945, the election which many commentators compare to the poll this week, the position of The Times was notably opaque. In 1955 it remained neutral. Throughout the Sixties the volume of support for the Liberals was vastly in excess of its muffled calls to vote Conservative. Our strong support of Lady Thatcher in the 1980s was, in this regard, counter to our traditions, not central to them. At the heart of this newspaper is its independence from political favour: to give up that independence even for a day is an acr that The Times must justify to its readers and itself.

This election campaign has now just two days to run. The ploys and pleas of the participants are almost over. Much of what has happened has been predictable and deeply patterned in the past. All those government ministers who have been "friendly in Hackney, faithless in Whitehall" would have been as easily recognisable to Pope - and to Dickens and Orwell - as they are to the satirists of today. No less familiar are the old politicians in Tatton and elsewhere who "chew on wisdom past and totter on in business to the last"; the tired and corrupt have always been with us and nothing will change that.

Two developments, however, have been truly striking. The first is the transformation of the Labour Party under Tony Blair into a party that is both electable and about to be elected as the Government of Great Britain. The speed of this change - the abandonment of so many anachronistic and disastrous policies in so short a period of time has been extraordinary. The Times has strongly supported this revolution. So great

has been the speed of change that faith and imagination, rather than firm policy pronouncements, must form the source of optimism for those millions who intend to vote Labour for the first time this week. Even in recent weeks Labour's policies on unions and privatisation, devolution and fishing, have moved so quickly that only its opinion poll lead has seemed to stay the same. And vet the Labour leader has worked hard for the faith that he inspires. We wish him well. Imagination has been much lacking in our government and we shall be happy to see it back. But we do not put our name to what is still a tower of dreams.

The second development is the simultaneous collapse of the body and spirit of the Conservative Party. While Labour has been changing itself, the very momentum of its metamorphosis has been enough to keep it together. For the Conservatives there has been no equivalent movement to keep the party upright. A tiny mandate from 1992, tightening tensions between Right and Left within the party, reactive leadership and unnecessarily prolonged recession have taken a heavy toll.

Both parties have had to deal with the question that, above all others, ought to define this campaign. Both parties, however, are divided about the future of Britain's relationship to the continent of Europe. Neither leadership, therefore, has wanted Europe to be an issue. Yet, somehow, driven by a few brave British politicians and a few careless Brussels bureaucrats, Europe has become the most invigorating subject on the doorsteps in these last electioneering days. For The Times today - and for The Times

in the spirit of its best past the European future is the fulcrum of public policy. A proper sense of the choices now facing this country, a profound vision of how the current moves to unite Europe could all so easily bring its collapse, a clearsighted understanding of the gulf between what our partners say, what they mean and what they really want: that is what Britain needs to be able to vote for at this election. The divergent views on this subject ought to form the line along which the parties divide; but they do not. They form dividing lines only within the parties. In the Conservatives the lines are open and opening further by the day; this process will continue until a new leader matches the spirit of the new MPs. In the Labour Party the lines are largely closed by discipline and fear of defeat; but they may still be uncovered. Our endorsement in this election, therefore, falls not on a party slate but upon individual candidates whose European ideals we can support.

We have made our choices carefully according to our best judgments about the men and women who are standing for election. We ask our readers, however, to supplement our judgment wherever possible with their own. Our endorsed candidates are from six different political parties. Our hope is that the next House of Commons should be as full as possible with those MPs who will give strong, independent consideration to sovereignty, security and competitiveness.

s we argued yesterday, there is no easy choice in this election for those whose main wish is to endorse a policy against the further integration of the European Union. Times readers do not, however, need only easy options. The Referendum Party may give some simple relief from the traditional choices; but, if the voter aims to make a difference, we do not advise a vote for Sir James Goldsmith's party except in Putney. where the Tory, David Mellor, is an influential supporter of his leadership's hesitant line, and in Reigate, where the former Tory MP and Eurosceptic campaigner. Sir George Gardiner, is the candidate.

More important is a vote in support of the Conservatives who have either proved their sceptical credentials already or who have been emboldened by public opinion and government weakness to declare their hand during the course of this campaign. Of still greater significance is a vote for Labour opponents of further European integration; the greater the numbers of the potential European rebels behind Prime Minister Blair, the stronger the voice of scepticism

In some seats sceptics will have the chance to vote against well known supporters of integration such as Sir Edward Heath. Edwina Currie and Giles Radice. For those who wish to follow this endorsement from The Times these opportunities should be grasped as firmly as the chance to cast a positive vote. Yesterday we published the best list possible of those whom we would endorse in this way. In certain other seats, in Northern Ireland for example, different criteria will apply; in some there will be none. On polling day we will publish as full a list as possible, including any amendments and corrections that have been brought to our attention. In the hope that no more power be transferred from Britain. in the best tradition of our past and in the best hope for the future, this is the endorsement that we make.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Britain's future in Europe as factor in voting intentions

From Sir Patrick Cormack. Parliamentary Candidate for Staffordshire South (Conservative)

Sir, Your "Good Eurosceptic voting guide" (April 28) hardly justifies the adjective. Your leader, which does acknowledge that there is an inevitable degree of fudge in your classification, challenges individual candidates to declare themselves.

As one whom you list among the Europhiles". I have always been implacably opposed to a federal Europe but I do believe most strongly in the need for a cohesive European Union of nation states - and an enlarged

I have consistently advocated the advantages of a common, or parallel, currency and expressed no enthusiasm at any time for a single currency, though I believe that the Prime Minister's insistence on Britain's being represented while crucial negotiations are conducted is entirely correct.

A number of those colleagues whom you have listed alongside me take a similar view. Among those you list as worthy of Eurosceptic support are some who would pull out of both Union and single market. Is that the Thunderer's hidden agenda?

Yours laithfully, PATRICK CORMACK. Campaign Headquarters, The Firs, Station Road, Codsall, South Staffordshire. April 28.

From the National Organiser of the UK Independence Party

Sir. Must we really obey Lord Rees-Mogg ("How to vote sceptically", April 24) and vote for the Tory candidates opposing the single currency in their election addresses despite the official wait and see policy. I wonder whether there would have been quite that number if a pro-Euro millionaire had offered these fine candidates double that given by Mr Paul Sykes, for them to shut up on this subject and toe the party line. Heaven forbid that the electorate

should vote out of "sympathy". as Rees-Mogg puts it, for the motives of parties such as the UKIP, whilst the

View from academe

From Sir Alfred Sherman

opportunity exists to return Conservatives who saved the Maastricht treaty.

Yours sincerely, DAVID LOTT (Parliamentary Candidate for Hexham (UK Independence Party)). Woodhill, Otterburn, Newcastle upon Tyne. April 24.

From Sir Anthony Meyer

Sir, There must be many thousands who remain Conservative because, unlike Emma Nicholson and her colleagues (letter, April 28), we have not finally given up hope of recovering at any rate a large section of our party for its traditional One Nation, pro-European policies. But we shall be voting Liberal Democrat in those constituencies where their candidate comes closest to our ideals, and we hope to see a large Liberal Democrat contingent in the next House of

l am. etc. ANTHONY MEYER (Conservative MP, 1964-66; 1970-92). 9 Cottage Place, SW3.

From Mr David Howell

Sir. Sir Michael Butler asserts ("Europe is rooting for Blair". April 21) that "we export more to The Netherlands than to all the Asian tigers put together".

I do not know where he got this "fact" from, but it is quite untrue. The figures in Economic Trends, published by the Office of National Statistics, show that for 1995 - the latest available year - the total export earnings from The Netherlands for all

£18,866 million. From Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand - to take only some of the "rigers" — total export earnings were £21.261 million.

British goods and services were

Yours faithfully, DAVID HOWELL, Chalk Croft Farm, Penton Mewsey, Andover, Hampshire.

From Mr Rodney Leach

Sir. You gave Sir Michael Butler 106 lines to air the conventional Commission legend of "Eurosceptic myths".

How about his own myths? His comment that "we export more to The Netherlands than to all the Asian tigers put together" is at best a halftruth: physical exports to Holland are exaggerated by the throughput of Rotterdam, while exports to Singapore and Hong Kong are largely in

Sir Michael attributes European peace to the EU, without a word about the American nuclear umbrella or the reluctance of democracies to fight

He says Nato takes away more of our sovereignty than Maastricht, not mentioning that European treaty provisions are irreversible, whereas Britain's accession to Nato can be revoked at any time. Besides, a senior diplomat should not confuse sovereignty with power.

German leaders from Adenauer, 40 years ago, to Kohl and President Herzog today have said that their aim is the end of the European nation state. Is it now a display of "hostility to ... Europeans" to quote continental statesmen verbatim and in context?

Yours faithfully RODNEY LEACH, 3 Lombard Street, EC3. April 23.

From Mr Leslie Fraser-Mitchell

Sir. How gratifying to learn that Prime Minister John Major will, in opposition, be prepared to offer expert advice to Tony Blair on how to deal with Europe in the matter of single currency (interview, April 21).

Will he also advise him how to deal with any future crisis in beef exports to Europe, or how best to protect Britain's fishing interests?

Yours faithfully, LESLIE FRASER-MITCHELL Fraser's Rest. Briar Close, Necton, Swaffham, Norfolk. April 21.

Land for housing

Sir. Connoisseurs of verbal sleight of hand will be lost in admiration for your lead letter today, "Academics opt for change on May I", by tycoons from that surviving nationalised industry academe. Like Labour's bulldog without private parts, their stirring election address omits to tell readers for whom they should vote.

Is it because the manifestants are divided between merits of two, or even more, paladins of tax and spend? Or are they leaving an escape route in case of a last-minute Tory victory or possible reproaches from potential donors whose largesse they will need whoever wins the election. Are they hedging their bets?

Can academics do no better than the stale jargon of politicians, using "investment" as a euphemism for lavish current expenditure? Could the director of the LSE at least not have considered that the early 19th-century expedient of "the active creation of orportunities for the unemployed", variously known as "public works" and "make work", by siphoning off funds from the sustainable market sector, which was and will remain the main source of employment, thereby reduces sustained employment in that sector? Surely the wealth of cautionary tales in the LSE library should discourage such aphasia. And what, pray, is actually meant by "construc-

Is this the best our academics can

Yours. ALFRED SHERMAN, 14 Malvern Court. Onslow Square, SW7.

Politics and farmers

From Mr Oliver Walston

Sir, Mr E. D. Leigh-Pemberton (letter, April 20) objects to Sir Simon Gourlay's endorsement (April 24) of the Labour Party on the ground that the NFU has always been apolitical. Yet the other letter you publish with Mr Leigh-Pemberton's is from Lord Plumb, who became a Conservative MEP four months after retiring from the presidency of the NFU.

It is sad but unsurprising that many farmers appear to have no objection to past presidents being political so long as they are Conservative.

As a working farmer, I will vote Labour with alacrity and enthusiasm.

Yours faithfully. OLIVER WALSTON. Thriplow Farm, Thriplow, Royston, Hertfordshire. April 26.

Tax for education

From Mr David Hunt

Sir, Why the furore about the Liberal Democrats spending a penny on education? Successive governments have been spending a penny on education for years.

Yours. DAVID HUNT. Chy-an-dour Cottage. Gulval, Penzance, Cornwall.

From Mr A. W. Tait

Sir, Simon Jenkins [article, April 19: letters, April 26 advances three basic arguments: rural England is being "concreted over"; we should largely ignore Department of the Environment projections that we need to house some four million additional households between 1991 and 2016; even if we do not, we should build all, or nearly all, the extra houses in towns

Unfortunately, the problem is far more complex than he allows. The DoE projections are not fantasy: more people live longer, the young do leave home earlier and the places where people most want to live are precisely hose where he least wants them to live. Should the millions who have bought newly built houses in the country be able to deny others, including their own children and grandchildren, the same opportunity?

The good news is that we are doing quite well. The green belt has been growing, not declining. Many more houses are being built on recycled land. About 87.5 per cent of England and Wales will still be countryside by the year 2000: even in the South East

the proportion will be 83 per cent. The debate is not about whether, in the next 20 or 30 years, the proportion will fall below 80 per cent — it will not

PC subsidy From the President and the Director General of the Federation of the Electronics Industry

Sir, Several European countries, in order to maintain their competitiveness in the world economy, are considering the introduction of fiscal incentives for individuals or organisations to use personal computers and computer education. The Swedish Department of Fi-

nance, for instance, has proposed that computer equipment supplied by companies to their employees for home education and electronic commerce should be free from tax under certain conditions; the French Government has recommended a VAT reduction of 5 to 7 per cent on home PC purchases; and the Irish Government is considering the introduction of tax allowances for the purchase of PCs for home use and for payment of fees for PC training.

May we suggest that our political parties consider fiscal incentives as part of their programmes to ensure that in the future the UK keeps up with the best in the world. Yours faithfully.

K. CHAPPLE, President. ANTHONY PARISH. Director General. Federation of the Electronics Industry. Russell Square House 10-12 Russell Square, WCI. ADTIL IS.

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- but whether it will be 81 or 82 per cent. The difference is important but it should be kept in perspective.

Most of England will remain rural, even though the Town and Country Planning Association considers that it is unlikely to be possible to put even half of all new houses in towns and cities. Seven major cities have told the association that they are likely to run out of land between 2006 and 2011.

A useful step might be to set up an independent "Housing Land Review Body", which would periodically encumber opinion with facts and with independent commentary on the competing claims of the pressure groups. This might help promote a higher standard of debate in local councils; it would also make it easier for govern-ment to overturn decisions where a council has been too influenced by the desire to pass the buck.

Meanwhile, though many planning authorities do a good job, increasing housing demand is leading to further planning delays and an escalation of land price. The new government will have to deal with a kettle coming to

Yours faithfully. ANDREW TAIT (Chairman, New Homes Environmental Group, 1988-90), Orchard Croft, Grimms Hill. Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire. April 23.

Changing archaeology From Professor Geoffrey Wainwright. Chief Archaeologist of

English Heritage Sir, I must disagree with Mr Tim Tatton-Brown when he says (letter, April 23) archaeology is stuck in the doldrums". Changes in organisation and funding over the past decade are perceived, not surprisingly, as having led to a restriction of research. Mr Tatton-Brown and other critics usual-

Archaeology, previously sponsored by monopoly public-funded bodies, is now split between developers who purchase archaeological services, contractors who compete to provide them and local authorities who set the requirements and then monitor and regulate standards.

ly equate research with archaeological

The dramatic rise in excavations funded by developers is sometimes perceived as having poor research value. Such criticism betrays a misunderstanding of the policies and the opportunities.

Sites that would once have been destroyed through complete excavation are now being protected. Research results were often never published, but the new policies ensure that sites are there so that future research needs can be properly addressed.

Archaeological activity in England has increased from 1,000 excavations in 1984 to 2,500 in 1994. This level of activity has a rich research potential. the realisation of which is an exciting challenge facing the profession.

GEOFFREY WAINWRIGHT. Chief Archaeologist. English Heritage 25 Savile Row, Wi. April 24. CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE

Yours faithfully,

Science and art in building design

From Mr John Pittuck

Sir. Whenever, it seems, the Prince of Wales and building design are mentioned in the same breath we can anticipate an accompanying polarisation of attitudes and opinions.

Mr Alan Beckett, FRICS, writing about the Prince's conference centre at Highgrove (letter, April 22), says that the two most important questions to ask about any construction are: "Does the new design satisfy all the client's requirements, and does the building

If I were an architect I would also want and need to ask: "Is it aesthetically appealing, does it look good?" In other words, does it communicate other than its function and fitness of purpose? We must not assume that Mr Beckett's questions automatically take account of this key criterion in distinguishing building from architec

Whether or not the chartered building surveyor has been considered the poor relation to the architect, as Mr Beckett suggests, matters less than that everyone involved in the process of building design should demonstrate proper regard and respect for the balance between the science and the art employed. We need to encourage professional co-operation and shared ideals rather than argue the merits of who does what.

Yours sincerely, JOHN PITTUCK. Hillside Cottage. 62 Dunmow Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire.

From Mr H. B. McIlveen, FRIBA

Sir, There is a fundamental difference between architects and building surveyors. During a long and rigorous course of study, architects are trained to design buildings, building surveyors are not.

Yours faithfully, HUGH McILVEEN, Bowback, Honington, Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire.

From Mr Dennis Berry, FRIBA

Sir, Some 15 years ago, while dean of a faculty which contained schools of both architecture and surveying, I gave much thought to trying to bring these two professional courses closer together: that is, for the architects to gain a greater insight into the economics of building and for the surveyors to achieve some notion of design.

But, even with much goodwill on both sides, the efforts always failed, largely due to the disparity in time between the two courses: seven years for the architects and four years for the surveyors. The surveyors simply did not have enough time for the inclusion of any design theory, no matter how basic.

It is true that the average building designed by a surveyor, while rarely beautiful, is never actually lethal, as would be the results of a surgeon, say. who was denied any experience of an operating theatre during his training. This fact hardly justifies the abandonment of the architect's seven years of education and his protected status.

Yours faithfully. DENNIS BERRY (Dean, Faculty of Professional Studies, Kingston Polytechnic. 11 Fairacre, Acacia Grove. New Malden, Surrey. April 22.

From Mr Derek Woolland, RIBA

Sir, I would not suggest for one moment that all buildings designed by registered architects are necessar-ily good, nor am I suggesting that those designed by non-qualified de-signers are necessarily poor. However, the removal of legal protection from the title "architect", as Mr Beckett suggests, would severely limit the means by which potential clients would be able to evaluate the competence of designers.

Mr Beckett rightly stresses the importance of the architect's responsibility to his client, but fails to mention the public for whom the built environment forms the enduring "backdrop" to society. It is not solely the Prince of Wales who will be the judge of the success or otherwise of the Orchard Room at Highgrove.

Yours faithfully. DEREK WOOLLAND, 78 Ravensbury Road, SW18. Аргіі 22.

Muses maligned?

From Mr John Clark

Sir, "Despised", "vulgar", "monstrosities" ... seldom have I read such wounding remarks about work by a contemporary artist as your Diary's description (April 26) of the statues of the nine muses at the Barbican Centre.

If aesthetics are the main consideration I would say preserve the muses and throw away the Barbican: perhaps functional, but surely one of the worst examples of British architecture

Yours faithfully, JOHN CLARK, Old Barrack Farm, Ebony, Tenterden, Kent. April 28.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 28: The Princess Royal today visited Lancashire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (the Lord Shuttle-

Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning visited Grenfell Limited, Grenfell House,

Rylands Street, Burnley. The Princess Royal later visited Chorley and South Ribble District General Hospital, Preston Road, Chorley.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will attend a reception at St James's Palace for the Prayer Book Society's 25th Anniversary at 5.00; and as President, The Prince's Trust, will attend Jesus Christ Superstar at the Lyceum Theatre, London WCl

The Princess Royal, as President, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, will attend the 50th Anniversary Awards, at the Albert Hall, at 6.50.

Toby Falk

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Toby Falk will be held at St George's, Hanover Square, London WI, on Tuesday, May 6, at noon.

Luncheon

Fruiterers' Company Mr Derek Tullett, Master of the Fruiterers' Company, accompanied by the Wardens and Liverymen and their ladies, was the host at a luncheon held yesterday at Athelhampton House, Dorset. Sir Edward du Carın also spoke. Earlier, the Master planted fruit trees in memory of Lady du Cann.

School news

Head, Lancaster.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

Sibton Park Preparatory School Sibton Park Preparatory School started its final term on Sunday. April 20. Old Girls wishing to attend Open Day on June 21 and Dance the previous evening are asked to telephone for details. Sports Day is on Saturday, July 5.

Lancaster Farms, Male Young

Offender Institution and Remand

Centre, Far Moor Lane, Stone Row

April 28: The Prince of Wales.

Colonel-in-Chief. The Royal Gur-

a parade to bring The Queen's

Truncheon into Service with the

Regiment at the Royal Military

Academy Sandhurst, Camberley.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Mr Simon Braunholtz, Director of MORI local government research unit, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's, Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell

Dinners

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a dinner held last night at Westminster City Hall. The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor of Geneva

Freight Transport Association Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, Chairman of Tesco, was the prin-cipal guest at the annual dinner of held last night at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr Graham D.N. Miller, president, was in the chair.

Birthdays today

Mr Andre Agassi, tennis player. 27; Mr Frank Auerbach, painter, 66; Mr Jonah Barrington, squash player, 56; Mr Dean Bell, rugby league player, 35; Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, 55; Mr Tom Clarke, Editor, Sporting Life, 58: Mr Daniel Day-Lewis, actor, 40: Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde, 54: Mrs Ruth Deech, Principal, St Anne's College, Oxford, 54: General Sir Peter de la Billière, 63; Mr Lonnie Donegan, skiffle musician and singer, 66; Mr D.S. Elliott, former director, Museum of Modern Art, Oxford, 48; His Honour Israel Finestein, QC, former president. Board of Deputies Fritchie, former chairman, South and West Regional Health Auand West Regional Health Au-thority, 55; Sir Patrick Hamill, former Chief Constable, Strath-clyde, 67; Sir Kenneth James,

diplomat, 71; Miss Zizi Jeanmaire, dancer, 73; Professor David Johns Vice-Chancellor, Bradford University, 66; Sir Anthony Laughton, oceanographer, 70; Miss Elizabeth Lawson, QC, 50; Mr Rod McKuen, poet and composer, 64; Mr Zubin Mehta, conductor, 61; Mr Johany Miller, golfer, 50; Mr A.W. Nicol former chairman, South Westerr Electricity, 64; Sir Fraser Noble, Principal Emeritus, Aberdeen University, 79: Sir Ronald Norman, chairman, Teesside Development Corporation, 60; General Sir Patrick Palmer, Constable and Governor of Windsor Castle, 64; Miss Michelle Pfeiffer. actress, 40; Professor B.D. Ripley, statistician, 45; Lord Rothschild,

The night sky in May

By MICHAEL J HENDRIB ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY is a morning star throughout the month but will be too near the Sun for observation. It reaches greatest western elongation (25 degrees) on the 22nd.

Venus will be an evening Butler Trust, this afternoon visited star into 1998 but for much of the time will be rather near the Sun. By May 31 it will be setting an hour and a half after the Sun and the -3.9 magnitude planet may be seen very low in the northwestern kha Rifles, this afternoon attended sky after sunset. Its visibility will not improve much until October, becoming a conspicuous evening star over Christmas and the New Year.

Mars is now receding from the Earth passing from Leo into Virgo and fading to 0.0 magnitude by the 31st, when it will set by Oih. Moon nearby on the 16th.

Jupiter is in Capricornus and -2.5 magnitude rising by midnight on the 31st. Moon to the north on the 27th-28th. Saturn is in Pisces and now

north of the equator, rising by 02h at end May. At 0.8 magnitude it is still fainter than several of the first magnitude stars, but readily noticeable by its steady untwinkling aspect and creamy hue. Moon to the north on the 4th.

Uranus is in Capricornus and stationary on the 13th. It rises just before midnight but at 5.7 magnitude requires optical aid and an atlas showing fainter stars for identification.

Neptune is stationary on the lst and then moves from Capricornus back into Sagittarius during the month. It rises by 23h on the 31st and at 8 magnitude is rather more difficult to find than Uranus. Moon to the north on the 26th-The Moon: New Moon 6d 2ih, first quarter 14d 11h, full

Moon 22d 09h, last quarter 29d 08h. The thin crescent Moon will be near Aldebaran on the evening of the 8th, as will Venus.

Sunset on the 1st is at 19h 25m and on the 31st at 20h 10m while sunrise is at 04h 30m and 03h 50m on the same

Fletchers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Fletchers' Company

for the ensuing year: Master, Major-General A.P.W. MacLellan:

Upper Warden, Mr R.H. Upton;

Renter Warden, Mr D.M. Dixon.

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The Rev Martin J. Batchelor,

and Curate Brecon w Battle w

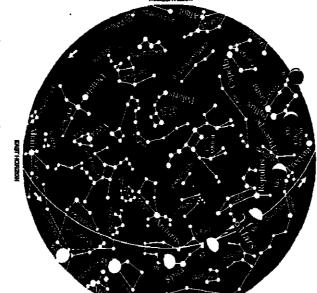
Llanddew to be Curate of Sketty.

The Rev Annette Francis, Curate of

Belmont (diocese of London) to be

Curate of Cockett, Swansea.

Church in Wales



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (11 pm) at the beginning, 22h (10 pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time. At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be turned so that the beginning is former to the arthur the above is former to the start when the above is former to the start when the change of the size of the start when the start was the start to the start of the start when the start of by a use amount of the place of each time hap should be turned so that the horizon the observer is facing (shown by the words around the circle) is at the horizon, the zenith being at the centre. Greenwich Mean Time, known to astronomers as Universal Time and expressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless otherwise stated.

lasts all night from May 20 to July 22 at the latitude of London and from early May to early August in Glasgow. Nautical twilight ends at 20h 50m and 22h 00m on the Ist and 31st and begins again at 03h 05m and 01h 55m. The brighter stars and planets can be seen between the end of and beginning of nautical twilight. and it is a better guide than astronomical twilight during the summer when it is not really dark all night, even in southern England.

Comet Hale-Bopp must be the most widely observed comet of recent times. At last we have had a comet that lived up to predictions, and was easily visible to the naked eye in twilight, moonlight and from light-polluted areas for more than two months. However for us the show is nearing its end with the comet moving steadily southwards. It will be visible here during the early part of May in the northwest at dusk but by the time it is

John Arbuthnot, physician, Arbuthnott, Kincardineshire, 1667;

Sir James Brooke, Rajah of Sara-

wak 1841-68. Benares, 1803:

Thomas Trollope, writer, Blooms-

bury, London, 1810; Alexander II,

Tear of Russia 1855-81, St Peters-

burg, 1818; William Randelph

Hearst, newspaper proprietor, San

Francisco, 1865: Sir Thomas Bee-

cham, conductor, St Helens, Lan-

cashire. 1879; Sir Malcolm

betwee 1930.

Sargent, conductor, Ashford, Kent, 1995; Duke Ellington, pianist and bandleader, Washington, 1899; Michinomiya Hirohito, Emperor 1977.

BLRTHS:

dates. Astronomical twilight really dark it will be near to setting, so we will not see the comet as bright or the tail as long as it was in March and April, when it was at a good altitude in a dark sky.

The comet is now fading a little having reached a maximum brightness of about -0.1 magnitude. By April 20 it was no brighter than 0 magnitude. The tail was much less spectacular, though this was partly due to bright moonlight. Tail lengths depend very much on the darkness of the sky and even at my not very dark site have reached 10 degrees: others may well report double that length.

My prediction that Hale-Bopp was unlikely to flare up in brightness after perihelion on April I seems to have been correct, but the plasma tail (of ionised gases) has shown much greater activity since my last report written towards the end of March. A run of clear nights in eastern England over Easter and into April enabled me to take photo-

of Japan 1926-89, Tokyo,

John Cleveland, Royalist poet

London, 1658; Sir Alfred Hitch-

cock, film director-producer, Los

Women were granted permission

to sit examinations at Oxford

graphs showing great changes in the tail structure from night to night. The plasma tail shows up strongly on bluesensitive film and on some colour films, though it does not appear as bright to most eyes which are more sensitive to the green, yellow and red. The dust tail, being composed of very small solid particles. reflects sunlight of all colours and shows up more strongly to the eye.

In the telescope the inner part of the head has shown a series of concentric arcs or hoods, like the skins of an onion (drawn by some observers of the great comets of the last century). These features change from night to night and arise from gas and dust expelled from the nucleus. which provisional reports put at about 40 km across, as it rotates about once every 12 hours. These features could be seen in quite small telescopes and in bright twilight. The main or dust tail has been sharply curved, being concave at first towards the horizon and later to the right as the comet appeared in the evening sky. The less distinct plasma tail was to the left of the dust tail and pointed away from the horizon (and from the Sun below that horizon). Comet Hale-Bopp is now

moving away from the Sun and Earth and during May its distance from the Earth will increase from 265 to 340 million km, and its distance from the Sun from 160 to 205 million km. The comet is expected to fade from about +0.5 at end April to +2.0 by end May and the tail will become shorter and fainter. The tail is also becoming more foreshortened as our viewpoint on Earth changes, and this will make it appear shorter too.

When the comet becomes generally visible in the southern hemisphere during May it is not expected to be the brilliant spectacle that it has been in the north, but it may still be the most visible comet for many years and southern observers will be able to follow it as it recedes and fades from view, not to return for another 3,000 years.

University news

Stirling

Tennis Centre:

Professor Alasdair McIntyre, contribution to marine biology contribution to literature

The university is to confer the following honorary degrees at ceremonies to be held on June 26 Doctor of the university:

film industry

Pat Greenhill, contribution to the local community and the

Memorial service

Mr Peter Langdon-Davies The Lord Chancellor was represented by Miss Liz Hutchinson at a memorial service for Mr Peter Langdon-Davies, former Chief Commons Commissioner, held yesierday at the Temple Church. Canon Joseph Robinson, Master of the Temple, officiated. Mr Derek Bond read the lesson.

Mr Harvey McGregor. QC. read from The Journey of a Soul by Pope John XXIII and Mr Oliver Knox, read from A Walk in the Mountains. Sir Godfray Le Quesne, QC, gave an address.

Among others present were:

Mrs Langdon-Davies (widow), Mr and
Mrs Thomas Langdon-Davies (son and
daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs Anthony
Rybacki (son-in-law and daughter-in-law), Allane
and Michael Langdon-Davies
Mr Robin Langdon-Davies (brother),
Mr and Mrs Jon King (brother-in-law
and sister), and many friends and
colleagues.

Lectures

The Royal Academy of Engineering/Royal Society Joint Lecture

Sir David Davies, CBE, FEng. FRS. President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, presided at the Joint Lecture held last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace, London. The guest House Terrace. London: The guest lecturer was Professor Alec Broers. FEng. FRS; Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, who spoke on 'Innovation, Invention and Insight - Can we classify technological innovation?'. Institute of Biology Professor Richard Dawkins deliv-

ered the Fourth Huxley Lecture "Is evolution progressive?" to members of the Institute of Biology on Thursday, April 24, at The Royal Society, London, Professor Brian Heap CBE, FRS, President, pre-sided at the Institute's 48th AGM

Forthcoming . marriages

Mr N. Stephenson and Miss D. Stewart-Clark The engagement is announced between Nick, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Michael Stephenson, of Shrewsbury. Shropshire, and Daphne, eldest daughter of Sir Jack and Lady Stewart-Clark, of

Cowden, Kent. Mr J.R. Bryer and Miss H.R. Cox The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Bryer, of Topsham, Devon, and Hermione, daughter of Mr Simon Cox. of Tomatin.

Inverness-shire, and Mrs Ruth Marshall, of Ardleigh, Essex. Mr B. Goffinet and Miss S. Patrick The engagement is announced between Brendan, son of M and Mine Jean-Claude Goffinet, of

Torgny, Belgium, and Samantha, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Ollis, of Moreton Morrell, Warwick. Mr S.M. Orange and Miss D.R. Heagerty

and Miss D.R. Fleagerly
The engagement is announced
between Stephen, only son of Mr
John Orange, of Fornham All
Saints, Suffolk, and Mrs Trissa
Orange, of Wandsworth, London, and Dawn, only daughter of the Revd and Mrs Alistair Heagerty. of Kingswood, Bristol.

Marriage Mr J.M. Shulman

and Miss S.A. Irvine

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, April 26, at Crown Court Church of Scotland, London, of Mr Jason Michael Shulman, son of Mr and Mrs Milton Shulman, of London SWI, and Miss Susan Aurora Irvine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Irvine, of Lanark,

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Catherine Durnford. Assistant Curate, Selby Abbey: to be Vicar, New Marske and Priestin-charge, Wilton (York).

The Rev Vivian Enever, Curare, St Jude, Stockbridge Village (Liver-pool): to be Team Vicar designate, Halesowen Team Ministry, w responsibility for Romsley

The Rev Kevin Garrett, Priest-in-charge, St Michael and All Angels, Loughton (Chelmsford): to be Vicar, Dover St Martin (Canterburvj.

The Rev Mike Gilbert, Assistant Curate, Chapeltown, Sheffield: to be Vicar, Brightside w Wincobank (Sheffield).

The Rev Michael Goater, Vicar, St Augustine's, Endcliffe, Sheffield: to be also Vocations Officer (Recruitment) (Sheffield).

Christ Church, Liversedge, and Priest-in-charge. St Barnabas, Hightown: to be Vicar, Ripponden w Rishworth and Barkisland w West Scammonden (Wakefield). The Rev David Harrex. Vicar.

Pilning w Compton Greenfield: to be also Rural Dean of Westbury and Severnside (Bristol). The Rev Stephen Holmes, Priest-

Mablethorpe and Trusthorpe (Lincoln): to be Vicar, Hadleigh, St Barnabas (Chelms-

The Rev Phillip Jefferies, Vicar, Horninglow: to be also Rural Dean of Tutbury (Lichfield). The Rev Trevor Jones, Vicar, St Saviour, Saltley and Shaw Hill, St Mary and St John (Birmingham): to be Vicar, St Peter, London

Docks w St John. Wapping The Rev Smart Lees, Assistant Priest, Holy Trinity w St Paul, Onslow Square to be Priest-in-charge, Christ Church, Fulham (London).

The Rev Jack Lusted, Curale, Southwick: to be Rector, Lurgashall, Lodsworth and Selham (Chichester). The Rev Colin Midlane, Team Vicar, Haywards Heath St Wilfrid:

chester). The Rev John Musson, Curate, Christ Church, North Finchley (London): to be Priest-in-charge. Lynchmere and Camelsdale

The Rev David Peebles, Chaplain

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BIRTHS

child.

CHAPPATTE - On April 26th 1997, to Sarah (née Lang) and Philippe, a daughter, Hannah, a sister for Sam and Jessica.

COGEE - On 25th April 1997, to Libby (née Reid) and Gordon, a son, Timothy Banwick Reid, a brother for John.

Hamwick Ment, a mouter for John Hammigham - On 21st April, to Rebecca (nés Davies-jones) and Clive, a son, Edward Dominic James, a brother for Resjamin DE HAVILLAND - On April 24th at The Portland Rospital, to Zoe and Robert, a beautiful daughter, Kathryn Frances. DIMOND - On 23th April, 1997, in Budapest to Samantha (née Cross) and Mark, a daughter, Eleanor

FIRTH - On April 26th 1997, to Fions (née Hill) and Mark, a son, a brother for Hugo and Olivez.

Scient - On 24th April 1997, to Amanda (née Abrahams) and Kerry, a daughter, Piona Charlotts.

Charlotte.

MONTON - On April 27th in London, to Christina and Anthony, a daughter.

PATRICK - To Ease and Rupert on April 23rd, a daughter, Rose Victoria, a sister for Jamie and Emily.

POMEDITER - On April 18th at The Portland Hospital, to Kevin and Verna, a son, Jackson, a gift of infinite value. Wallingford Community Hospital, to Suzanne (nee Walker) and Simon, a son, Andrew Christian, a brother for Elizabeth.

for Elizabeth.

QUEGLEY - On 23rd April, to Caroline (née Losse) and Mark, a son, Andrew, a boother for James.

RYDER RECHARDSON - Born Friday 25th April 1997. Peacefully at home. Much loved husband of Canol and loving father of Matthew and Annabel. Frozen James and Jonethan, a som, Tobias James. A courin for Jack, Annie, Tess, Nick, Ben, James and Charite.

SMERWHOOD - On April 25th at The Fortland Hospital, to Bossmary (née Suple) and Charles, a daughter, Tatisma, a sister for Timothy and Tabliths.

BECKFORD SMETH - On Sunday

27th April suddenly but after a long Moses Miranta died. Funeral private. Memorial Service to be

WAKABAYASHI - On April 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Keiko and Himnolm a son Takuki MARRIAGES

IVE:WALL - On April 26th 1997 at St Mary's Parish Church, Friston, Sulfolk, between Simon John Caurch, Friston, Suffolk, between Simon John Andrew, the younger son of the late Mr E.B. Ive of Hale, Cheshie and Mrs I.C. Ive of New Milton, to Christine Fenciope, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Wall of Kelstedge, Derbyshire. **DEATHS**

AGLEN - Peacefully at home on April 23rd, the Rev. Elizabeth Senga of Gencey Court, Broadclyst, Enter and previously of Upavon, Wilts. in her Sind year, Punami at Broadclyst Parish Church on Thursday 8th May, 3 pm followed by private cremation, Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Enter Hospice clo Le-Rey. F/S, 10 Alphington Boad, Ector.

ASHWELL - Joan of Barnes, London, beloved mother of Anne, Susan and Peter, passed away pencefully in her sleep on Sunday Andi 27th after a long and counsgood fight. Funeral at 12.45 pm Friday May 2nd, Putney Vale Crematozium. BAILEY - Wilhelmins, died on BARFY - Wilminson, ower on Tuesday 22nd April 1997. Wife of the late Professor S.J. Bailey, mother of Arnold joan and John. Funeral Service in the West Chapel Cambridge

Service in the West Chapel, Cambridge City Crematorium on Friday May 2nd at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Denations if desired to The Abhaimers Disease Society or The British Heart Foundation. All enquiries c/o Harry Williams 2 Son, tel: (01223) 359480.

DEATHS

BRD-James Harold Professor of Geography at The University of Southampton and beloved husband of Olwen, Suddenly on April 24th 1997, aged 73. Funeral Service at Southampton Commiscium on Friday May 2nd at 3.30 pm, East Chapel Flowers to Jno. Steel & Sm, 163 Hursley Road, Chamdlers Ford, Hunta. SOS3 1 JE.

BOTT - William George Esq.

ARCS, HSc. Peacefully on
April 26th 1997 at
Wardington House,
Cofordaine, aged 87 years,
Formerly secretary of SILIR.
Examinations (Bristol).
Belowed father of Binabeth,
Andrew, Georgina, Victoria,
Caroline and Julian and
loving grandfather of Luke,
Late, Sam and Toby, Pemeral
Sarvice at Wardingtom Parish
Church, near Banbury,
Friday, 9th May at 11 am.
Donations in Heu of flowers
please, for Wardington
House and all enquiries to
Half Humphris, 32 Albert
Street, Banbury, Oxon
(01275) 265424.

CAMROSE - Viscountess, born 22nd April 1908, beloved Mother of E.H. The Aga Khan and Prince Amyn Aga Khan, died peacefully at her home on 25th April Following her wishes the funeral service will be private for family mambers only, followed by a Mcmorial Service to be amounced later.

CROSS - Kenneth Prederick (Ken) of Stoneygate, Leicester. Loving husbend of Soc. Dear father of Stephen, Malcolm and the late Vivian. Grandfather to Sugah, Passed Gemeitather to Sarah, Passed peacefully away after an illness coungeously borne. Funcial Service at Kettering Crematorium, Northants. (Edgar Newman Chapel) on Thursday May 1st at 11.30am. Flowers and enquiries please to A.J. Addiason & Son Funeral Directors, 12 London Road, Oadby, Leics. LE2 50G, tal (0116) 271 2340.

DAVES - On April 26th 1997
poscofully in his 98th year
Dr. David John Davies JP.
FRCS. (sometime scholar of
Cardiff University and
Middlesex Hospital),
devoted husband of the late
Gladys, desay loved father,
grandfather and greatgrandfather. Enquiries
Messus. H. Whalley and Sons,
94 Ribon Styset, Freston, tal:
(01772) 254936.

DUNFORD - Charles Roy suddenly at home on Thumday April 24th 1997. Charles Roy Dunford, very dearly loved heaband of Monica and the late Joyce, a special father to Neil and Jill and a loved grandfather of the family. Funtual private.

EDGECONNE - Greville John Rookes AFC AAC on 23rd April. Beloved husband to Rose, loving father of Philippa, Kim and Donna, father-in-law to Robert and grandfather of Christopher. father-in-law to Robert and grandfather of Chistopher. Service at St John the Baptist R.C. Church, Alexandra Road, Andower, on Toesday 6th May at 2 pm. Flowers or donations for Friends of St Thomas' Hospital may be sent clo Halcrow & Sons Funeral Directors Bridge Street.

EVANS - Peacefully on 23rd April after a long illness borne with great dignity, Kay, of Rhiwbina Cardiff adored wife of the late Arthur Hopkin Evans, Sadly missed by all her family and friends. Resting at James Summers & Sum Rosth Court, Newport Road, Cardiff until the Service at Thornhill Summers & Son, Roath Court, Newport Road, Cardiff until the service at Thornhill Crematorium on Thursday May 1st at 4.30pm. Flowers may be sent to Roath Court if deaded, or denations made to British Heart Foundation, 14 Fitnhardings Street, London Will 4DH.

FERWICK - Col. William, James who served God all his life in the UK, Germany and Kenya, was promoted to glory pencefully on the mouning of Sunday 27th April aged 86. He will be greatly missed by his wife Eva, his Caughter lan, his son Stuart, their families and the humbrods of people whose lives he touched. A service of thanksgiving for his remarkable life will be held at the Salvation Army Hall, Baldock Street, Ware, Herts. on 6th key at 130 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to the william Fenvick Pund for the work of the Salvation Army in Ware & Kenya, clothe Salvation Army in Ware & Kenya, clothe Salvation Army address as above.

GALL - Colin Altred on April 23rd as the result of a tragic accident. Beloved husband of Francine, father of Amanda, Patrick and Simon, Amana, Fatrick and Simon, grandfather of Amy and Thomas, brother of Advante. Funeral Service on May 2nd at 1.45 pm at Thiey Church, followed by private cremation. Enquiries B. Sweet & Sons (01684) 293180.

LATTHAR - Eitel Friedrich Leopoid im Wednesday April 16th 1997 at home in Bristol Much loves manuscript of Audrey, father of Christopher, jonathan and Winholas the late Richolas, gandisher of Robert and William Funeral Service took place in Bristol on Saturday April 19th. Donations if desired to St Peter's Rospice, 20 St Agree Road, Rowle, Bristol BS4 2DU.

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HEMERICANIAY - On April 28th, 1997 peacefully at home, Philip Haury, aged 93 years. Beloved husband of the late Gaynoz. Funeral Service in the Chouch of Lady St Mary, Wareham, Dorset on Tweeday May 6th at 11.30 am. However or donations for the Marie Curie Cancer Carv, may be sent to Albert Marsh (Puneral Directors) Lift, St Micheals Road, Wareham, Dorset, 3820 400. Tel: (01929) 552107. HOPE - On 23rd April.
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KENMARD - James Spencer aged 23 on April 24th suddenly as a result of a motor accident in Cape Town. Much loved son of Martin and Carolina, brother of Elizabeth and grandson of Anthony Spencer and step-grandson of Loma.

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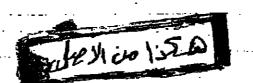
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SAMUEL - A Service for Eric, late of Sandton, will be held on Friday 2nd May in Johannesburg et 3 pm prior to a private cremation. Donations in lieu of flowers should be sent to the Hospice Association, PO Box 87600, Houghton 2041,

SHERCLIFF - Caroline (Carolya), much leved sister of Robin and friend of Janet, died on 26th April aged 56 at North Emergen after a long and difficult illness. Requiem at St John's, Ladinnike Grove, on Tuesday 6th May at 12 noon. Family flowers/donations for Fumbridge Unit, 3t Charles Hospital, to John Nodes & Sons, 181 Ladinche Grove, London W10, tel: (0181) 969-1819.

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Margaret (née Machande-Walls) on St Georges Day, suddenly at home. Much loved mother and grandmother. Family at Ampney Crucis on Thursday 5th June at 2.30pm.

TOLLEY - Roger John on April 24th, 1997, after a brave fight against cancer. Dearly lowed husband of Galita and father of Caroline, Micola and Jane and Mark, stepfather to Jan and Robert. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Creamston at Royal Tunbridge Wells Crematorium, 12.30 pm Priday 2nd May 1997. Foundly flowers only please. Donations to The David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, do Care for the Wild, I Ashfold, Horsham Road, Rusper, West Sussex RH12 1BQ.

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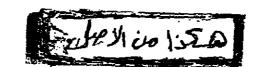
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THE REV PROFESSOR W. MOELWYN MERCHANT

The Rev Professor W. Moelwyn Merchant, Shakespearean scholar and sculptor, died in Learnington Spa on April 22 aged 83. He was born at Port Talbot on June 5, 1913.

n a life of great variety. Moelwyn Merchant applied his colourful talents and abundant energies in a number of spheres. He was an Anglican clergyman and a canon of Salisbury Cathedral; he was from 1961 to 1974 Professor of English at Exeter University: he was a prolific sculptor, a poet and had latterly published a number of novels.

As a scholar he was more prolific as an editor than as a writer, though his study. Shakespeare and the Artist, is an absorbing account of Shakespearean production down the ages. It announced an informed interest in the staging of the works of Shakespeare which was to permeate his teaching. This was underpinned by his involvement in the founding of the Northcott Theatre at Exeter, the first modern theatre to be built in the South West of England.

Merchant's contribution to English studies lay, perhaps, not so much in his writings as in his personality and the effect he had on others. To generations of English students at Exeter he is remembered for generaling an enthusiasm for the subject which permeated their lives to a greater extent than is, perhaps, general in undergraduates. He so manifestly liked young people. He took an infectious delight in any extra-curricular activity, whether it might be leading a Shakespeare seminar to Stratford-upon-Avon or inviting students round to his home to make a recording of Beat poetry (and sample his wife's delicious teas). His students reciprocated this enthusiasm by giving their own tutors no rest, dragging them into bars and pubs in their off-duty hours and compelling them to continue the literary debate until closing time and

In the young Exeter University of those days (it had previously been a university college of London). Merchant galvanised his department into a position of pre-eminence and put



English at the centre of intellectual activity. With a staff containing men like John Speirs, Patrick Cruttwell, H. A. Mason, and K. W. Salter, it was generally regarded as second, after Cambridge, in the country. It was also a broad church which provided harbourage both for fugitive Leavisites and those who were fundamentally opposed to the dogmatism of the Master.

Merchant defended his fief against the material claims of other departments with jealousy and guile. Many a rival arts faculty professor who thought he had got the better of the head of English over some administrative detail at a faculty board meeting, would find himself suddenly outmanoeuvred and confounded.

Merchant's mercurial character and his priestly calling gave his lectures something of an evangelical quality. Speaking without notes, he seldom stayed at the podium for long. preferring, rather, to range up and

down the aisles of the lecture hall and dart the subject of his discourse at his audience seated to left and right of

His Shakespeare lecture to the

University Summer School - which attracted both undergraduate and postgraduate students of the highest quality from all over the world - was legendary. Iron-souled theoreticians of the English schools of Göttingen and Marburg were. in spite of themselves, overwhelmed by the sheer fervour of his address. His impassioned exordium, delivered in his lilting Welsh tenor: "I believe Shakespeare's King Lear to be the greatest work of art ever to be created, in any medium, by any man," resounded in English faculties throughout the universities of

Merchant's retirement from the Exeter chair saw no diminution of his activities. Returning to Wales for a period, he was Vicar of Llanddewi Brefi for several years; he published

several volumes of poems; he wrote a

number of novels and an award-

sculpted energetically, exhibiting in

winning autobiography; and he

venues from Plymouth to London and from Aberystwyth to Glasgow. William Moelwyn Merchant was educated at Port Talbot Grammar and University College, Cardiff. where he took degrees in English and History in 1933 and 1934. He then taught history for a year at Carmarthen Grammar School before moving to Newport High School to teach English and thence to Caerleon Training College. He joined the staff of University College, Cardiff, in

By the time he went to the chair at Exeter in 1961 he had already published his Wordsworth's Guide to the Lakes (1952) with its illustrations by John Piper. This was followed by his edition of Wordsworth for the Reynard Library in 1955. He also did editions of Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice and Marlowe's Edward the Second.

His own best-known book, Shakespeare and the Artist (1959), explored the history of stage design and the increasing involvement of major European painters in that process. It also set a trend for what became the "literature and the visual arts" arm of English studies in which Merchant was a pioneer, establishing a degree in English and the Fine Arts (as well as English and Music).

Merchant had been ordained a priest in 1940. From 1960 he spent a good deal of the time during four pleasant years as biblical adviser and co-writer, with Christopher Fry and others, on John Huston's epic film The Bible. It sharpened Merchant's appetite for travel and he had the knack of "collecting" research stu-dents from around the world for the graduate school. In 1966 he brought Ted Hughes to Exeter as poet in residence. His passion for music led his writing the libretto of Alun Hoddinon's oratorio The Tree of Life (1972), among other works by the

After his retirement from the Exeter chair. Merchant was vicar of Llanddewi Brefi from 1974 to 1978. It was characteristic of him that the duties of that remote rural cure could not enrirely absorb his energies, and in 1975 this tiny Cardiganshire village found itself with an arts festival.

From Wales he retired to Learnington Spa. but this "retirement" saw no diminution of his creative impulse. He published three volumes of poetry and, in 1987, his first novel Jeshua, at the ripe old age of 74. This was followed by several more: Fire From the Heights (1989), A Bundle of Papyrus (1989) and Triple Heritage (1994). At the same time numerous one-man shows of his sculptures were held throughout Britain. An activity that gave him particular pleasure in the last years of his life was the lectures he gave at Eton College, and his being made an honorary member of the Old Etonian Association in 1990.

Moelwyn Merchant married, in 1938, Maria Eluned (Lynne) Hughes. He is survived by her and by a son and a daughter.

MARGERY MANNERS

Margery Manners. variety artiste and singer, died on April 27 aged 71. She was born on March 18, 1926.

MARGERY MANNERS was one of Britain's most respected and best loved variety artistes. In a career that spanned more than half a century she topped bills throughout the country, played the London Palladium on several occasions, as well as being a noted singer on

Her life in showbusiness fell neatly into two parts. As a young girl she was a notable principal boy in pantomimes and often compared to her contemporaries, or indeed rivals. Dorothy Ward and Pat Kirkwood because of her shapely figure. In later years the figure became more portly and - much to Manners's delight - critics would describe her as a latter-day Florrie Forde, the well-known round music hall performer. She was flattered by the comparison and once quipped: "When I was a child in the Midlands people would say they would go to see Florrie because of her 'bum'.

steps." Margery Manners was born in Coventry and made her first appearance as a child singer and dancer in 1957 at the Paramount Cinema in Birmingham in a "cine variety" show. Cine Variety was the most popular entertainment of the day where an audience could see two films, a newsreel, a variety show, personal appearances by film stars, and all of it for usually

So I'm following in her foot-

sixpence. She was contracted to appear in such shows, her speciality being that of singing, playing the banjo and sometimes the ukelele. After being spotted in the provinces by Moss Empires, she made her first London appearance at the East Ham Palace in 1940 where she starred alongside "Big" Bill Campbell in a Western show where she played a cowgirl. The show was so successful that Moss Empires took it on tour for more than two years.

During the Second World War she was the youngest performer ever to appear for

and iceland and singing on battleships at Scapa Flo along-side Doris Hare. Douglas Byng and Tommy Trinder. After 15 months' service she received warm letters of congratulation for her war effort from the administrator of Ensa, Basil Dean, and also from the actor Sir Seymour

She renewed her contract with Stoll Moss after the war and appeared in no lewer than 16 pantomimes at leading theatres as a dashing principal boy alongside such comedians as Arthur Askey, Vic Oliver, Ted Ray and Jewell and Warriss.

During the 1960s she was in demand for smaller provincial variety bills as a guest star but was in 1969 that she was virtually rediscovered by the producer Audrey Lane who gave her billing in what was to become the long running show The Golden Years of Music Hall. This was an extraordinary show made up of music hall legends who included Bob and Alf Pearson. Nat Jackley. Elsie and Doris Waters and Sandy Powell. It opened to rave reviews at the West Pier in Brighton and was a sellout at the box office and subsequently transferred to South Africa, where it played for more than five years. It was there that she met her husband Walter Gradner. who was serving as the Mayor of Cape Town, and during the run of the show she suddenly eloped with him.

After returning to England in the 1970s, ill-health forced her into semi-retirement but she was coaxed out of it by the comedian Roy Hudd to top the bill at the London Palladium in 1975 for a special show organised by the British Music Hall Society. She received a standing ovation on her entrance and sang her signature tune Bring Me The Sunshine of Your Smile. A photograph of her still hangs in the Palladium Hall of

Fame. She was an active charity worker throughout her life, most notably for the Grand Order of Lady Ratlings, of which she had been a member for many years and later for the Stars Organisation for Spastics:

Her husband predeceased



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Alfred Baden Fuller. barrister and Commons Commissioner, died on March 27 aged 90. He was born on January I.

NOBODY in 1965 foresaw the quantity of litigation and popular interest which the Commons Registration Act of that year would produce. This Act made it necessary to register any land which was claimed to be a common or a village green. It created commission-

ers to adjudicate upon whether registrations should be When Alfred Baden Fuller

was appointed in 1972 as one of the three commissioners, he ous contending parties. was told that there was only another five years' work to be done. In fact, the number of claims so much exceeded expectation that he and his fellow commissioners were still at work 18 years later.

Disputes over common land often aroused strong emotions in the local community. A commissioner required not only a detailed knowledge of one of the least known areas of English law but also the ability to be fair to the numer-

ALFRED BADEN FULLER

Baden Fuller had both the legal learning and the human qualities required. Dartmoor was his triumph. Most commons are fairly small. But when between April and September 1982 he sat to determine the commoners' rights on Dartmoor there were 1.000 registrations to consider af-

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fecting pieces of land which together amounted to more than 50 square miles. With such keen popular

interest and so many claim-ants involved, a large hall was needed to accommodate the hearings at Plymouth. Baden Fuller's necessarily lengthy judgment in that case was described as a legal tour de force. He was responsible for other decisions relating to moorland such as the Black Mountain in Dyfed.

Before his appointment as a Commons Commissioner, Baden Fuller was one of the small number of "senior juniors" at the Chancery Bar, a class usually unknown to the wider public, but who commanded great respect within

the legal profession. Educated at Uppingham School he went on to Balliol College. Oxford, as a mathematics scholar in 1925 and gained first-class honours in mathematics. While at university he took up mountaineering.

Alfred Aubone Baden Fuller was called to the Chancery Bar in 1930 and became the pupil of Stafford Crossman (the father of the future Labour Cabinet Minister). In 1932 he joined the set of Chambers of which his father Frank Baden Fuller was then the head. His progress at the Bar was interrupted by the outbreak of war in 1939, when he joined the RAF. By the time he came back from the war in 1946 his father had died and only two other members of the prewar set remained. They had, like him, been away fighting and had to rebuild their practices.

Baden Fuller now became head of chambers himself and for the next 26 years carried on a successful and varied practice. Trusts, wills, estate duty, landlord and tenant disputes and wardship of minors all formed a part of his work but he had a particular mastery of Chancery procedure, above all in the administration of

Several times personal representatives who thought that they had an insolvent estate to administer came to him for advice and he was able to achieve the feat (which would have astonished the author of Bleak House) of steering the apparently insolvent estate into solvency or even a handsome surplus. Baden Fuller's guileless exterior concealed a subtle brain. His manner in court was anything but charismatic but opponents underestimated him at their peril.

He became a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn in 1964. There he did much work for the students (who in those days came in large numbers from the Commonwealth as well as from the UK).

For many years he was the chairman of the Joint Committee of the Inns of Court and the Council of Legal Education on Admissions. While at the Bar he was a long-serving secretary of the Chancery Bar Association.

Outside the law he remained an enthusiastic hillwalker. He kept up his mathematics by solving algebraic equations as a lunchtime relaxation. In Wimbledon, where he lived throughout his life, he was for many years the president of the Literary and Scientific Society, a trustee of the John Evelyn Society (now the Wimbledon Society) and a governor of King's College

He retired as a commissioner in 1990 and the next year suffered a severe stroke. True to his character, he remained cheerful and courteous under this burden.

In 1940 Baden Fuller married Alice Strickland. She predeceased him in 1976. He is survived by two daughters



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It is clear that to act Hamlet without cuts is not simply an act of piety. Perhaps it is not absolutely essential, and those who have not endured so many hours in a theatre need not necessarily feel that they have never seen the play. The plot is so mysterious anyway, and yet so good, that mutilations are not quite ruinous. But a performance without cuts and at the same time so generally good as this is something to have seen. Mr. Harcourt Williams is the oroducer and it is, more than anything else, a very intelligent production.

ON THIS DAY

April 29, 1930 There have been, and will continue to be

many Hamlets, But fortunate are those who have seen John Gielgud in the role. In this, his first Hamlet, he had the advantage of a producer who had a fine ear for Elizabethan verse.

With no abbreviations there is ample from to explore and clarify the intricate movement of character, and this was often done. Such a very difficult scene as that of Hamlet remonstrating with his mother seemed almost perfectly lucid. Every performance of Hamlet tends momentarily to convince one that the play is not after all a mystery, but this especially so. The mysterious, the metaphysical and the prophetic become an ordered, if not an explicit, progression of events.

Mr. Gielgud is certainly a most reasonable

Hamlet. He does not under-act, and he can storm as well as anyone, but he was chiefly

concerned to give us Hamlet without that murky and tempestuous figure that most actors portray, the Prince of Denmark. He was very much of a human heing. This, of course, may be dangerous, since an actor who interprets much may well forget to speak opetry. In his soliloquies he may have paused too often for a speaker to whom is given such unnatural eloquence. Indeed, if an actor pauses as if to think before producing such miracles of speech, the illusion may actually be lost as one remembers that no amount of thought could actually produce such lines. But undoubtedly Mr. Gielgud paid more attention than most Hamlets to the poetry.

The absence of cuts seemed to give unusual intricacy and interest to the King and Queen, though the actors. Mr. Donald Wolfit and Miss Martita Hunt, also deserve much praise for this. Claudius emerged, rather unexpectedly, as a line Renaissance villain, making as much of an art of Hamlet's poisoning as any Borgia. Ophelia was charmingly, if rather conventionally, acted by Miss Adele Dixon. It would seem that to most Ophelias Hamlet's advice is unnecessary, since they so manifestly already belong to a numery. After all, Ophelia was desperately in love with Hamlet. But Miss Dixon did not break nut with unusual fire in the mad scene.

Middlesbrough troupers vital to fantasy winners



WITHOUT play_in the pre mier leagues in England and Scotland over the weekend, the tactically aware among Interactive Team Football players looked to the midweek matches of the past week for vital points as the season nears its climax.

Middlesbrough were most people's choice for a good source of points, with two games counting - the FA Cup semi-final replay against Chesterfield and the game against Tottenham Hotspur. Hence the appearance of Fabrizio Ravanelli and Juninho in the teams of the weekly winner, the monthly winner, and indeed the overall leader of ITF.

But the "bargain buy" of the week was a Čhelsea player: Dan Petrescu, with seven points to his name. Emerson, with five points, was also worthy of selection last week along with a number of

goalkeepers, none of whom

conceded any goals over the past seven days.

The winner of the monthly prize, and £1.000, is Mr D. Ingham, of Oldham, who scored 81 points during April with his team Feb 2. The weekly winner is Mr D. Windridge, of Nuneaton, whose team, Croft Corinthi-

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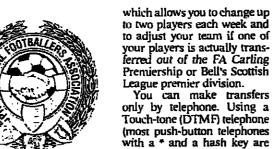
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Petrescu's goal against Wimbledon propelled the Chelsea wing back to seven points in ITF this week



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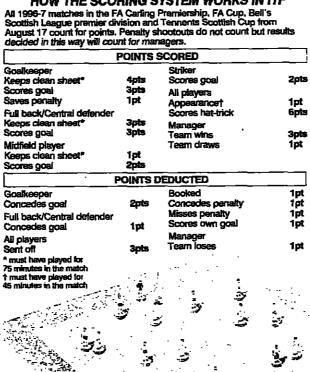
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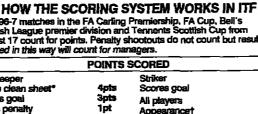
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You may only make transfers in one team per telephone call. If you have entered two teams and want to make transfers in both, you must make two separate calls.

You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goaliteeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club, incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

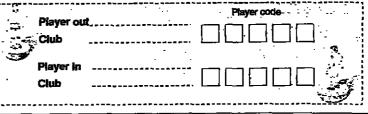
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	20301	S Staunton A Wright	Aston Villa Aston Villa	3.00 3.00	+4+4
	20303	G Charles	Aston Villa	2.50	0 1
	20305 20401	F Neison H Bera	Aston Villa Blackbum Rovers	3.00 3.00	+4+4
	20402	G Le Saux	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	+2+3
	20403		Blackbum Rovers Blackbum Rovers	3.00 1.50	0+2
	20404 20501	J McNamara	Celtic	3.00	-1 ÷38
	20502	T McKinlay	Celtic Chelsea	3.00 3.00	0+2 +7+2
	20601 20602	D Petrescu S Clarke	Chelsea	2.00	0 +
	20604 20701	S Minto D Burrows	Chelsea Coventry City	1.00 1.50	0 -10
	20703		Coventry City	1.00	0 -10
	20704	M Hall C Powell	Coventry City Derby County	1.00 1.50	0 +1
	20801 20802	D Yates	Derby County	1.00	0 +4
	20901 20902	M Maipas M Perry	Dundee United Dundee United	1.00 0.50	0+5
	20903		Dundee United	0.50	-1+10
	21001 21002	C Miller A Tod	Dunfermline Dunfermline	0.25 0.25	0 -1 0 -1
	21101	M Hottiger	Everton	2.50	D -4
	21102 20603	A Hinchcliffe T Phelan	Everton Everton	2,00 2,00	0+1
	21103	E Barrett	Everton 5	1.50	0+18
	21201 21202	G Locke N Pointon	Hearts Hearts	2.00 1.00	0+2: 0+2:
	21301	W Miller	Hibernian	1.00	0 +7
	21302 21402	A Dow G MacPherson	Hibernian Kilmarnock	1.00 0.50	0+12
	21501	G Kelly	Leeds United	3.00	+4+47
	21502 21504	A Dorigo G Halle	Leeds United Leeds United	2.50 1.00	+3+16
	21601	M Whitiow	Leicester City	0.50	0 +5
	21602 21604	S Grayson F Rolling	Leicester City Leicester City	0.50 0.25	-1 +9
	21701	R Jones	Liverpool	3.00 1.50	0 -
	21702 21703	S Harkness S I Biornebve	Liverpool Liverpool	0.50	0+4
	21801	D Irwin	Manchester United	4.00 3.00	0+40 0+3
	21802 21803	G Neville P Neville	Manchester United Manchester United	3.00	0 (
	21901 21903	N Cox C Morris	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	2.50 1.50	0 -1
	21903	C Fleming	Middlesbrough	0.75	0 +
	21905 21906	C Blackmore V Kinder	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	0.25 1.50	+4+14
	22002	S McMillan	Motherwell	0.50	0 +
	22101 22102	W Barton S Watson	Newcastle United Newcastle United	3.00 3.00	0 +4
	22103	R Elliott	Newcastle United	2.50	0+1
•	22104 22201	J Berestord S Pearce	Newcastle United Nottingham Forest	2.50 4.00	0 +1 0+1
	22202	D Lyttle	Nottingham Forest Nottingham Forest	2.00 1.00	+4 +9
	22203 22204	A i Haaland N Jerkan	Nottingham Forest	2.00	0 -
	22301 22302	P Bonar D Kirkwood	Raith Rovers Raith Rovers	0.75 0.50	0 -10
	22401	D Robertson	Rangers	2.50	0+4
	22402 22501	<i>J Brown</i> I Nolan	Rangers Sheffield Wednesday	2,00 1.50	-3+2
	22502	P Atherton	Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday	1.50 1,00	-3+2 -2 +
	22503 22504	S Nicol D Stefanovic	Sheffield Wednesday	1.00	0+1
	22505	L Briscoe	Sheffield Wednesday	0,50 1,50	0 +3
	22601 22602	J Dodd F Benali	Southampton Southampton	0.75	+4 +
	22603	S Charlton	Southampton	0,75 0.50	0 +
	22701 22702	D Kubicki M Scott	Sunderland Sunderland	0,50	0 +4
	22703	G Hall	Sunderland	0.25 1.50	0 +
	22704 22801	J Eriksson D Austin	Sunderland Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	+4 +
	22802	C Wilson	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00	0+1
,	22803	J Edinburgh D Kerslake	Tottenham Hotspur Tottenham Hotspur	1.00 0.50	0 1
	22804 22805	S Carr	Tottenham Hotspur	1.00	0 -:
	22901	J Dicks	West Ham United West Ham United	4.00 1.00	0+2 0 +3
	22902 22903	T Breacker K Rowland	West Ham United	1.00	8 ~
	22904	M Bowen	West Ham United	1.00 1.50	0 +
	23001 23002	B Thatcher A Kimble	Wimbledon Wimbledon	0.75	0+13
	23003	K Cunningham	Wimbledon	0.75 0.75	-1+26
	23004 23006	D Jupp C Perry	Wimbledon ·	0.75	0+4
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30101 30102 30103 30201 30202 30203 30205 30301 30302	B Irvine C Woodthorpe A Kombouare A Adams S Bould M Keown S Marshall G Southgate U Ehiogu	Aberdeen Aberdeen Aberdeen Arsenal Arsenal Arsenal Aston Villa Aston Villa	2.00 1.50 2.50 4.00 3.00 3.00 1.00 3.50 3.00	0 +6 0 +1 0 +1 0+43 0+41 0+50 0+14 +4+42



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0401 0402 0403	C Hendry I Pearce C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers Blackburn Rovers Blackburn Rovers	4.00 2.50 2.50	0+32 0 +3 0 -3	40502 40503 40504	A Thom S Donnelly P Grant	Celtic Celtic Celtic	2.50 2.50 1.50	+1+3 +1+3 0+2
0404 0501	N Marker T Boyd	Blackburn Rovers Celtic	0.50 3.00	0 +6 0+33	40505 40506	P Di Canio D Hannah	Celtic Celtic	3.00 1.50	0+5 +1+1
0502 0503 0504	M MacKay A Stubbs B O'Neil	Cettic Cettic Cettic	1.50 3.50 3.00	0+37 -1+22 +3 +4	40507 40601 40602	P O'Donneil R Gullit D Wise	Ceftic Chelsea Chelsea	2.50 3.50 3.00	+1+1° 0 +! 0+4
0505 0601	E Annoni M Duberry	Celtic Chelsea	3.00 2.50	0 +4 0 +1	40604 40605		Chelsea Chelsea	2.00 2.00	+2+39
0602 0603	F Leboeuf F Sinclair	Chelsea Chelsea	2.50 2.00	+4+33 +4 -2	40607 40608		Chelsea Chelsea	0.50 3.00	0 +5
0604 0605 0606	D Lee A Myers E Johnsen	Chelsea Chelsea Chelsea	2.00 1.50 1.50	0 +3 +4 +5 0+13	40609 40610 40701	J Morris P Hughes J Salako	Chelsea Chelsea Coventry City	2.00 2.00 2.50	0 +3 +2 +6 0+3
0701 0702	L Daish R Shaw	Coventry City Coventry City	2,00 1,50	0 +5 0 +3	41501 40702	G McAllister E Jess	Coventry City Coventry City	5.50 2.00	+1+54 0+3
0704 0705	G Breen A Evtushok	Coventry City Coventry City	1.50	0 -1 0 +1	40703 40704	P Telfer	Coventry City Coventry City	1.50 1.50	0+39
0801 0802 0303	l Stimac D Wassali P McGrath	Derby County Derby County Derby County	2.50 1.00 2.50	0 -10 0 0 0 -4	40705 40706 40707	P Williams M Isalas W Boland	Coventry City Coventry City Coventry City	1.50 0.50 0.25	+1+33 0 (
0803 0804	J Laursen M Carbon	Derby County Derby County	1.00 0.50	+4+12 0 -5	40708 40801	M O'Neill A Asanovic	Coventry City Derby County	1.50 2.00	0 +1 +2+5
0901 1001 1002	S Pressley M Millar I Den Bleman	Dundee United Dunfermline Dunfermline	1.00 0.75 0.75	0+50 0 -6 0 -18	40802 40803 40804	P Simpson R van der Laan D Powell	Derby County Derby County Derby County	1,50 1,50 1,00	0 +5 +2+3(0+2(
1101	D Unsworth D Watson	Everton Everton	2.50 2.50	0+12 0+14	40805 40807	S Flynn G Rowett	Derby County Derby County	0.75 0.50	0+12 +2+3
1103	C Short D McPherson	Everton Hearts	1.00	0 +6 0+30	40809 40901 40902	C Dailly G McSwegan R Winters	Derby County Dundee United Dundee United	1.50 2.00 1.50	+2+34 0+24 0+64
1202 1301 0902	P Ritchie J McLaughlin B Welsh	Hearts Hibernian Hibernian	1.00 0.50 0.75	0+34 0 +7 0 +9	40903 42003	G Johnson J Dolan	Dundee United Dundee United	1.00 1.00	0 (
1302 2302	G Hunter S Dennis	Hibemian Hibemian	0.50 1.00	0 -3 0 -19	42303 40904	J McInally D Bowman	Dundee United Dundee United	0.75 0.75 0.50	0+18 +1+28
1401 1402 1501	M Reilly R Montgomerie D Wetherall	Kilmarnock Kilmarnock Leeds United	1.00 0.75 2.50	+4+15 +3+14 +4+38	40905 41001 41002	A Benneker H French C Robertson	Dundee United Ounfermline Dunfermline	1.00 1.00	0 +2 0+4 9+3
1502 1503	R Jobson L Radebe	Leeds United Leeds United	1.00	0 .+2 +4+26	41003 41004	A Smith D Fleming	Dunfermline Dunfermline	0.75 0.50	0+40 0+29
1504 1505	J Pemberton R Molenaar	Leeds United Leeds United	0.50 2.00	0 0 0+23	41102 41104 41106	G Speed J Parkinson A Grant	Everton Everton Everton	4.00 1.50 0.50	0+65 0+31 0+1
1601 1602 1603	S Walsh J Watts P Kaamark	Leicester City Leicester City Leicester City	1.00 1.00 0.50	-1+11 0 +8 0 +5	41108 41202	C Thomsen A McManus	Everton Hearts	2.00 1.50	0+13 0 +7
1604 1605	S Prior M Elliott	Leicester City Leicester City	1.00 1.50	0 +1 -1 +5	41203 41302 41303	S Fulton P McGinlay G Love	Hearts Hibernian Hibernian	1.00 1.50 0.75	0+34 0+4 0 +9
1701 1703 1704	P Babb M Wright N Ruddock	Liverpool Liverpool Liverpool	3.50 3.50 3.00	0+24 0+30 0+14	41305 41401	l Cameron A Mitchell	Hibernian Kilmarnock	0.75 1.00	0+10 0+2
1705 1706	D Matteo B T Kvarme	Liverpool Liverpool	1.00 2.00	0+26 0 +3	41402 41403	J Mointyre M Skilling	Kilmarnock Kilmarnock	1.00 0.75	+4+43
1801 1802 1803	G Pallister D May R Johnsen	Manchester United Manchester United Manchester United	3.50 3.00 2.50	0+15 0+34 0+21	41404 41502 41503	J Lauchlan L Bowyer A Gray	Kilmarnock Leeds United Leeds United	0.50 3.00 2.50	0+11 +1+56 0 +1
1901 1902	N Pearson S Vickers	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	1.50 1.50	+4 +7 +4 -6	41504 41505	C Palmer R Wallace	Leeds United Leeds United	2.00 1.50	+2+30 0+34
1903 1904 1905	D Whyte P Whelan G Festa	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	1.50 0.75 1,50	0 -10 0 -4 0 +8	41805 41506 41507	i. Sharpe I Harte M Ford	Leeds United Leeds United Leeds United	3.50 1.00 0.50	0+46 0+19 0+19
2001 2002	B Martin M van der Gaag	Motherwell	1,50 1,50 0,75	0 -4 0+18	41508 41510	A Couzens M Jackson	Leeds United Leeds United	0.50 1.00	0 +8 0+10
2101 2102	P Albert S Howey	Newcastle United Newcastle United	4.50 3.00 3.00	0+18 0 +7 0+17	41601 41602 41603	N Lennon G Parker S Taylor	Leicester City Leicester City Leicester City	2.00 2.00 2.00	0+33 +1+35 0+21
2103 2201 2202	D Peacock C Cooper S Chettle	Newcastle United Nottingham Forest Nottingham Forest	3.00 2.50	0 +5 +4+14	41604 40606	J Lawrence M izzet	Leicester City Leicester City	0,25 1.00	0 +3 +1+43
2203 2303	S Blatherwick D Craig	Nottingham Forest Raith Rovers	1.00 0.50	0 -5 0 -12	41701 41702 41703	S McManaman J McAteer J Redknapp	Liverpool Liverpool Liverpool	7,00 4,00 4,00	0+56 0+45 0+27
2304 2401 2402	G Mitchell R Gough A McLaren	Raith Rovers Rangers Rangers	0.50 3.50 3.00	0 -10 0+57 0+23	41704 41705	J Barnes M Thomas	Liverpool Liverpool	3.00 2.50	0+59 0+36
2403 2404	J Bjorklund G Petric	Rangers Rangers	3.50 2.50	0+39 0+18 0+15	41706 41707 41801	M Kennedy P Berger R Giggs	Liverpool Liverpool Manchester United	1,00 3.00 7.00	0 (0+27 0+43
2501 2502 2503	J Newsome D Walker B Linighan	Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday	2.00 1.50 0.25	-3+29 0 0	41802 41803	R Keane D Beckham	Manchester United Manchester United	4.50 4.00	0+20 0+5)
2601 2602 2603	K Monkou A Neilson	Southampton Southampton Southampton	1.50 1.00 0.50	0 -18 +4 +7 +1 -1	41804 41806 41807	N Butt B McClair T Cooke	Manchester United Manchester United Manchester United	3.50 1.50 1.00	0+34 0 +9
2604 2605	R Dryden C Lundekvam U van Gobbel	Southampton Southampton	0.50 1.50	0 -1 +4 -12	41808 41809	B Thornley S Davies	Manchester United Manchester United	1.00 0.50	0 +1
2701 2702 2703	A Melville K Bali R Ord	Sunderland Sunderland Sunderland	1.00 1.00 0.50	0+12 0+10 0+14	41810 41811 41901	J Cruyff K Poborsky Emerson	Manchester United Manchester United Middlesbrough	2.50 4.00 3.50	0+17 0+27 +5+36
2801 1702	S Campbell J Scales	Tottenham Hotspur Tottenham Hotspur	2.50 3.50	+4+24 0 +9	41902 41903	Juninho C Hig ne tt	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	3.50 2.00	+3+62
2802 2803	C Calderwood G Mabbutt	Tottenham Hotspur Tottenham Hotspur Tottenham Hotspur	2.50 2.00 0.50	+4+18 0 0 0 -6	41905 41906 41908	A Moore R Mustoe C Liddle	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	1.00 1.00 0.50	0 +6 +2+35 0 +6
2806 2807 2901	S Nethercott R Vega S Bilic	Tottenham Hotspur West Ham United	3.00 2.50	+4 +6 0+10	41909 41910	B Robson P Stamp	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	0.50 0.50	D +1 +1+22
2902 2903 2904	M Rieper S Potts R Hail	West Ham United West Ham United West Ham United	2.50 2.00 1.50	+3+11 +4 +3 +3 +4	42001 42002 42004	C McCart J Philliben J Hendry	Motherwell Motherwell Motherwell	2.00 1.00 0.75	0+16 0+14 0 +4
2904 2905 3001	R Ferdinand A Reeves	West Ham United Wimbledon	0.50 1.00	+4 +7 0 -2	42005 42101	S Valikarri D Ginola	Motherwell Newcastle United Newcastle United	3.00 5.50 5.50	0 +9
3003 3004	A Pearce D Blackwell B M-Allistor	Wimbledon Wimbledon Wimbledon	0.75 0.50 0.50	0 0 0+16 0+12	42102 42103 42104	R Lee K Gillespie D Batty	Newcastle United Newcastle United	4.50 3.00	0+47 0+29 0+27
3005 3006	B McAllister S Fitzgerald	Wimbledon	0.25	0 0	42105 42107	L Clark D Hamilton	Newcastle United Newcastle United	3.00 1.50	0+21
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		Team	Em Em	Pls Wk Ov	42204 42205	C Bart-Williams D Phillips	Nottingham Forest Nottingham Forest	2.00 1.00	0+21 +2+30
0101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	0+40	42301 42302	T Rougier D Lennon	Raith Rovers	2,00 1,00 0,50	0+33 0+46 0+25
0102 0103	S Glass P Bernard I Kirjakov	Aberdeen Aberdeen Aberdeen	3.00 2.50 2.50	0+24 0 +8 0+28	41304 42304 42401	A Millen S Thomson P Gascolgne	Raith Rovers Raith Rovers Rangers	0.50 7.00	0+26 0+58
0104 0105 0201	T Tzvetanov D Plati	Aberdeen Arsenal	0.50 4.50	0+25 +1+43	42402 42403	B Laudrup S McCall	Rangers Rangers	5.00 2.00	0+71 0 +9
0202 0203	P Merson R Parlour	Arsenal Arsenal	4.00 2.00	+1+56 0+25	42404 42405	T Steven J Albertz	Rangers Rangers	1.50 4.00	0 +8 0+59
0204 0205	G Helder I Selley	Arsenal Arsenal	1.50 0.50	0 0 0 0 0+40	42501 42502 42504	R Blinker M Pembridge G Hvde	Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday	2.50 1.50 1.50	0+17 +1+50 0+29
0208 0209 0210	P Vieira R Garde S Hughes	Arsenal Arsenal Arsenal	3.00 2.00 2.00	0 +40 0 +7 0+15	42504 42506 42507	M Williams R Jones	Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday	0.50 0.50	0 0
0210 0301 0302	M Draper A Townsend	Aston Villa Aston Villa	4.00 2.50	0+34 0+49	42508 42509	\$ Oakes W Collins	Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday	1.50 0.75	0+10 0+13
)303)304	l Taylor G Farrelly	Aston Villa Aston Villa	1.00	+2+42	42510 42511	O Trustfull B Carbone D Billington	Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday Sheffield Wednesday	1.50 3.00 0.50	0+17 +3+37 0 0
)306)401	S Curcic J Wilcox L Bohinen	Aston Villa Biackburn Rovers Biackburn Rovers	3.50 4.00 3.50	+2+23 0+40 0+29	42512 42601 42604	D Billington J Magilton B Venison	Sheffield Wednesday Southampton Southampton	2,50 1.00	+2+43
)402)403)404	L Boninen G Fisteroft W McKiniay	Blackburn Rovers Blackburn Rovers	2.50 2.50	+2+29 +1+21	42606 42906	D Hughes R Stater	Southampton Southampton	0.50 1.00	0 +1 +2+21
)405)406	T Sherwood P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers Blackburn Rovers	2.50 1.50	+3+45 0 +7	42607 42609	M Oakley M Robinson	Southampton Southampton	0.50 0.25	0+30 0 +6
	G Donis S Ripley M Holmes	Blackburn Rovers Blackburn Rovers Blackburn Rovers	1.50 1.00 0.75	0+16 0 +5 0 0	42611 42701 42702	E Berkovic M Gray S Agnew	Southampton Sunderland Sunderland	1.00 2.50 1.50	+1+32 +1+43 0+16
1409 1501	P McStay	Celtic	3.00	0+22		A Rae	Sunderland	1.50	0+14
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40208 40209 40210 40301 40302 40303 40304 40306 40401 40402 40403 40405 40407 40408 40408 40409 40409	P Vielra R Garde S Hughes M Draper A Townsend I Taylor G Farrelly S Curclc J Wilcox L Bohinen G Fitcroft W McKiniay T Sherwood P Warhurst G Donis S Ripley M Holmes P McStay	Arsenal Arsenal Arsenal Arsenal Aston Villa Aston Villa Aston Villa Aston Villa Aston Villa Blackburn Rovers	3.00 2.00 4.00 2.50 2.50 1.00 3.50 4.00 3.50 2.50 2.50 1.50 1.50 1.00 0.75 3.00	0+40 0+7 0+15 0+34 0+49 +2+42 +1 +2 +2+23 0+40 0+29 +1+21 +3+46 0+7 0+16 0+5 0+22				

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	Celtic	2.50	+1+31	50302 50304
	Celtic Celtic	2.50 1.50	+1+35 0+26	50402 50404
	Celtic Celtic	3.00 1.50	0+57 +1+15	50405
	Ceftic	2.50	+1+11	50406 50407
	Chelsea Chelsea	3.50 3.00	0 +9 0+40	50502 50303
	Chelsea	2.00	+2+39	50601
	Chelsea Chelsea	2.00 0.50	0+20 0 0	50602 50605
	Chelsea	3.00	0+56	50606
	Chelsea Chelsea	2.00 2.00	0 +3 +2 +8	50701 50702
	Coventry City	2.50	0+32	50703
	Coventry City Coventry City	5.50 2.00	+1+58 0+32	52105 50801
	Coventry City	1.50	0+35	50802
	Coventry City Coventry City	1.50 1.50	+1+34 +1+33	50803 50804
	Coventry City Coventry City	0.50 0.25	0 0	50903 51001
	Coventry City	1.50	0 +1	51002
	Derby County Derby County	2.00 1,50	+2+52 0 +5	51101 51901
ı	Derby County	1.50	+2+30	51102
	Derby County Derby County	1.00 0.75	0+26 0+12	51105 51201
	Derby County Derby County	0,50 1.50	+2+38 +2+38	51202 51203
	Dundee United	2.00	0+28	51301
	Dundee United Dundee United	1.50 1.00	0+65 0 0	51302 51401
	Dundee United	1,00	+1+31	51501
	Dundee United Dundee United	0.75 0.75	0+19 +1+25	51502 51504
	Dundee United	0.50 1.00	0 +2 0+44	51506 51507
	Ounfermline Dunfermline	1.00	0+35	51601
	Dunfermline Dunfermline	0.75 0.50	0+48 0+29	51602 51603
	Everton	4.00	0+65	51604
	Everton Everton	1.50 0.50	0+31 0+11	51605 51701
	Everton	2.00	0+13	51702
	Hearts ·	1.50 1.00	0 +7 0+34	51801 51802
	Hibernian	1.50 0.75	0+41 0 +9	51803 51804
	Hibernian Hibernian	0.75	0+10	51905
	Kilmarnock Kilmarnock	1.00	0+25 +4+43	51906 52001
	Kilmarnock	0.75	0 0	50902
	Kilmarnock Leeds United	0.50 3.00	0+11 +1+56	52002 50401
	Leeds United Leeds United	2.50 2.00	0 +1 +2+30	52101 52102
	Leeds United	1.50	0+34	52103
	Leeds United Leeds United	3.50 1.00	0+46 0+19	50501 52201
	Leeds United	0.50	0+19	52202
	Leeds United Leeds United	0.50 1.00	0 +8 0+10	52203 52204
	Leicester City Leicester City	2.00 2.00	0+33 +1+35	52205 52206
	Leicester City	2.00	0+21	52207
	Leicester City Leicester City	0,25 1.00	0 +3 +1+43	52208 52301
	Liverpool	7.00	0+56	52401
	Liverpool Liverpool	4.00 4.00	0+45 0+27	52402 52403
	Liverpool	3.00 2.50	0+55 0+36	52404 52405
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	Liverpool Manchester United	3.00 7.00	0+27 0+43	52502 52504
	Manchester United Manchester United	4.50 4.00	0+20 0+57	52505 52506
	Manchester United	3.50	0+34	52601
	Manchester United Manchester United	1.50	0 +9 0 0	52605 52606
	Manchester United	1.00	0 +1	52701
	Manchester United Manchester United	0.50 2.50	0 0 0+17	52702 52703
	Manchester United Middlesbrough	4.00 3.50	0+27 +5+36	52704 52705
	Middlesbrough	3.50	+3+62	52708
	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	2.00 1.00	+1+29 0 +6	52709 52801
	Middlesbrough Middlesbrough	1.00 0.50	+2+35 0 +6	52802 52803
	Middlesbrough	0.50	0 +1	52804
	Middlesbrough Motherwell	0.50 2.00	+1+22 0+16	50203 52903
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NEWS

72 hours left to save UK, says Major

■ The Prime Minister issued a warning last night that there were "only 72 hours" to save the United Kingdom.

After a whirlwind tour covering England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. John Major stood outside Parliament to proclaim the "twin threat" posed by a Labour government: the break-up of the UK and a sell-out to Europe. The event was branded a stunt by Labour, which ordered former MPs to campaign in marginal constituencies Pages I, 13-16, 22, 23

Currie sends £2,000 bill to newspaper

■ Edwina Currie has sent a £2,000 bill for journalistic services to the newspaper which published her predictions of a Labour landslide. Tory strategists were appalled by the MP's decision to fax an invoice to The Express only 24 hours after she had claimed that her comments were off the recordPage I

Booth to sit as judge

Cherie Booth will sit as a judge within two weeks of becoming the Prime Minister's wife if Labour wins the election Page l

Tighter Maze security Tighter security measures are to be imposed inside the Maze prison after a government inquiry into an IRA attempt to tunnel out of the jail found that the paramilitaries controlled the H-

..Page 2 **Boy George accused**

The singer Boy George was accused in the High Court of being an obsessive and vindictive liar by a man he had described as the love of his lifePage 3

Hounds may die

The Quantock Staghounds may have to put down 60 hounds because of the National Trust's decision to ban stag hunting on its land from the end of this ...Page 3

Minority viewing

Channel 5 is reaching only 45 per cent of the country despite promises when it launched four weeks ago that at least 60 per cent of the population would be able to watch it Page 5

Rare rhinos arrive

Two wild Asian rhinos from Nepal are expected in Britain today breeding programme at Whips- to \$90 million (£55 million) over nade Wild Animal Park ... Page 5 budget ...

Cost of caring

A man who gave up his job to look after his ailing mother must sell his home to pay for her care, the High Court ruled Page 7

Testing time

Examination pressure on children from the age of seven onwards means demand for revision guides is soaring, publishers said, as an unprecedented number of pupils prepared for nat-

Kohl olive branch

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, has offered a tentative olive branch to the next British Government and said he was certain that Britain would eventually join the single currency Page 17

Hutu refugees found Thousands of exhausted and de-

hydrated Rwandan Hutu refugees were reported to have emerged from thick forest in Zaire, about 30 miles south of Kisangani Page 18 Forces' morality code

The Pentagon is introducing a strict code of morality for America's armed services after numerous sex scandals....

Titanic overdraft Eighty-five years after the sinking of the Titanic, a film attempting to re-create that fateful night is for an international captive months behind schedule and up

City rustlers swoop on dales flocks

Police have returned a two-week-old lamb found wandering the streets of Sunderland to the North Yorkshire farm 50 miles away from which it had been taken. Lambs are being stolen by urban rustlers from their unfenced pastures and reared in the unlikely setting of council allotments. After six months they are killed for the rustler's freezer or to sell ...



Salt farmers at work near Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday; the sea salt is extracted for use in food and preservative production

BUSINESS

Co-op: Hambros Bank and Travers Smith Braithwaite, the solicitor, who both advised Andrew Regan on his aborted bid for the Co-operative Wholesale Society, settled out of court with the CWS. They agreed damages thought to be over £1 millionPage 29

Economy: The "feel-good" factor has hit a ten-year high but consumers are crediting building society windfall payments rather than the Government... ..Page 29

Sears: Sears is to demerge its Selfridges department store busi-..Page 29

Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 20 points to close at 4389.7. Sterling rose from 99.7 to 99.9 after a rise from \$1.6230 to \$1.6237 and from DM2.7977 to DM2.8054 Page 32

SPORT

Cricket: Ireland were four wickets from their first win over a county side when they reduced Middlesex to 134 for six in the Benson and ...Page 56 Hedges Cup

Football: Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, put his squad through their paces in their penultimate training session for the World Cup qualifier against Georgia .. Page 56

Snooker: John Parrott claimed a place in the quarter-finals of the Embassy world championship in Sheffield with a 13-11 victory over Anthony Hamilton.....Page 56

Rugby league: Scott Gibbs is seeking a temporary release from his rugby union contract with Swansea to play for St Helens in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final ... Page 56

ARTS

Grimm smile: Roderick Watkins's opera The Juniper Tree had its premiere at the Munich Biennale and turned out to be a very British triumph, with a very Grimm fairy-

Women on top: Richard Cork reviews London shows by two pioneering British artists - the macabre work of Christine Borland, and the raw self-exposure of Tracey Emin

High old time: EMI celebrated its hundredth birthday in high style and at steep prices - with a line-up including Hampson, Lott, Alagna and Gheorghiu

Cash up front: Johnny Cash remains the rough-cut king of country, displaying his wide appeal at the Albert Hall.

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

BODY AND MIND

Early learning: How much should children be told about drugs when children as young as ten already have a detailed knowledge of the drug scene?..... .. Page 20 Keep away: David Charter reports on how the young are being edu-

cated about and warned against . Page 20 drugs.. My junkie sister: 'The love that connects siblings enables 'clean' children to enact 'tough love'. And rightly or wrongly, my love does not allow me to write Tess off - not yet, at least." Page 21

LAW

Blackmall: When a private contractor wheel-clamps a car parked for only a few minutes and demands an exorbitant fee, can he be prosecuted for blackmail? Page 43 Save the children: More could be done to counter the sexual exploitation of children, argues Allan Levy, QC.

THE PAPERS

The Turkish military are a step away from getting rid of Necmettin Erbakan, who for the past ten months has led the first Islamic government in Turkey since the end of the Ottoman Caliphate. Turkey thus faces the same dilemma as Algeria in 1992: can power be entrusted to those who seek to use democracy to create an Islamic - La Repubblica | art in building... democracy?

TVLISTINGS

Preview: Robson Green plays a detective hunting serial criminals Touching Evil (TTV, 9pm). Review: Lynne Truss on an epidemic thriller that failed to thrill Page 55

OPINION Principles not parties

For The Times today - and for The Times in the spirit of its best pastthe European future is the fulcrum of public policy. A proper sense of the choices now facing this country, a profound vision of how the current moves to unite Europe could all so easily bring its collapse, a clear-sighted understanding of the gulf between what our partners say, what they mean and what they really want: that is what Britain needs to be able to vote for at this election. The divergent views on this subject ought to form the line along which the parties divide but they do not. They form dividing lines only within the parties. In the Conservatives the lines are open and opening further by the day; this process will continue until a new leader matches the spirit of the new MPs. In the Labour Party the lines are largely closed by discipline and fear of defeat; but they may still be uncovered. Our endorsement in this election, therefore, falls not on a party slate but upon individual candidates whose European ideals we .Page 23 can support.

COLUMNS MICHAEL PORTILLO

Mr Blair has learnt a lesson from four successive election defeats. He knows that he cannot win power by following his instincts. The people have rejected them, though he does not understand why. In his desperation for power he seeks direction elsewhere..

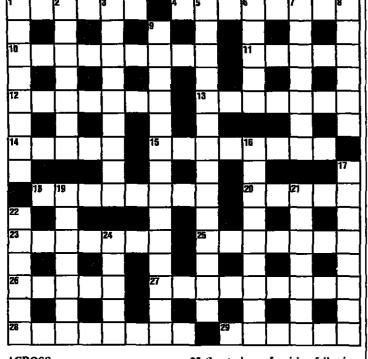
LIBBY PURVES

Both main parties know from their canvassing that indecision is rife. This is why Tony Blair strives modestly to avoid the unconditional future tense, why John Major uses it constantly, and why both sides long to pelt Edwina Currie with duff eggs.Page 22

OBITUARIES

The Rev Professor W. Moelwyn Merchant. Shakespearean scholar, priest and sculptor; Margery Manners, variety artiste...Page 25

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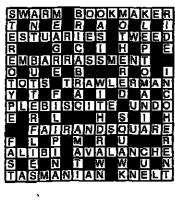
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- 10 Maurice who was one up in France? (9). 11 Loathe being trapped by Arab

in translation (8).

- horsemen (5). 12 Drier in kitchen is hard to pull
- around (7). 13 Foreign royal visitor, fascinated
- by unique tree in nursery (7).
- 14 Flyover not opened in area of
- high pressure (5). 15 Angle he'll present as a dissolute
- old fellow (8). 18 American disaster movie seen in
- 20 Critical comments for audience in
- 23 Clown's bare skin visible, having
- nothing on (7).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,465



- 25 Spectacles of girls following guide leader (7).
- 26 Nothing green in Paris is observ
- 27 Cross one pair of rivers, I propose
- 28 Chaff harmful in later years (8). 29 Supporter of half-day closing (6).

DOWN I Half-made fruit drinks for play-

- offs (8). 2 Favoured minor in part of garden
- 3 Deep breath? (3-6).
- 5 Guides supporting construction of brick we see one side of the border (7,7). 6 Happy, perhaps, making notes
- about conflict (5). 7 It can be found in new ale and hot
- rum (7).
- 8 Direction keeps Henry in step (6). 9 Artistic work that needs an index (6,8).
- 16 A heavenly time, hopefully, from now on (9).
- 17 Plot dates in order to provide framework for retirement (8).
- 19 Part of pitch in Liverpool ground reopened (7). 21 Apparent evil besetting relative
- 22 Jack's World digest? (6). 24 Repeating decimal? (5).
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☐ General: England and Wales should see any showers dying out from the west as the morning goes on. Most places will then have a dry day with sunny spells, but cloud will increase from the west later. It will be warm, with the northwesterly

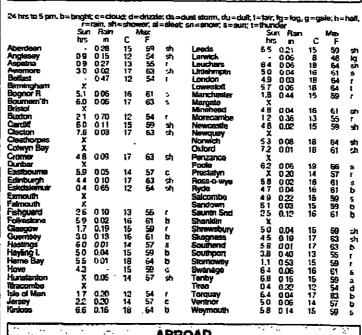
breeze dying down. Scotland and Northern Ireland should be mostly dry with sunny spells. Northeastern parts of Scotland will have showers or some longer spells of rain for a time. It will be breezy at first.

dry with clear or sunny spells. Wind

zie later. Wind west or northwest, mainly moderate. Max 14C-16C

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, and Shetland: mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of rain. Wind

northwesterly, moderate to fresh. **AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY**



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they are themselves on the run ■ HOMES

Stalkers have moved

onto the Internet. Now

■ INTERFACE

You can do it yourself or hire professionals: either way, moving house is seldom easy

FORECAST

Max 16C (61F).

☐ London, SE England, E Anglia, E England, NE England: showers dying out, then dry with sunny spells. Wind northwesterly, fresh, moderating. Max 17C (63F).

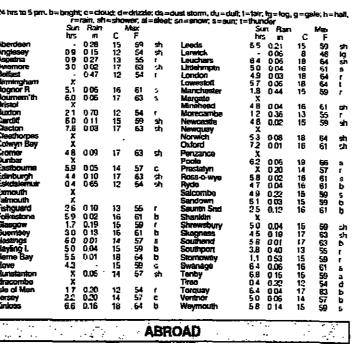
Central S England, E Mid-lands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, NW England, Lake District and Central N England; generally

☐ SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man, and N Ireland: dry at first with sunny spells, becoming cloudy with driz-

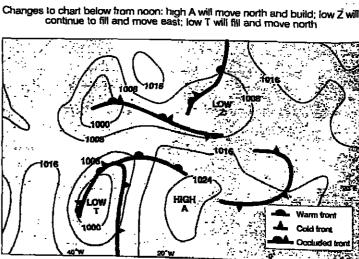
☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, and NW Scotland; showers dying out, then dry with clear or sunny spells. Wind northwesterly, mod-erate to fresh. Max 13C (55F).

westerly, moderate to fresh, Max 10C-12C (50F-54F).

Outlook: cloudy and damp in the west, the east dry with sunny



NOON TODAY Sunny Cloudy **Orizzle** Overcast Rain Sunny showers Sleet and Lightning Hail Snow 13 Temperatur (Celsius) Wind speed (mph) & direction 20 conditions



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